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BUREAU RAIDED IN SHANGHAI.

NATIONALIST OFFICES CLOSED DOWN.

PROPAGANDA MUST CEASE IN SETTLEMENT.

ANTI-JAPAN ACTIVITY.

Shanghai, Aug. 30.

The Municipal Police here carried out an important raid last night, when they visited the Intelligence Bureau in Jinkee Road. This organisation represents the Nationalist Foreign Ministry.

After the police had seized many propagandist documents, the offices were closed and an order was made that the Bureau must cease functioning within the confines of the International Settlement.

During recent weeks several Chinese Government offices have been opened in the Settlement without the knowledge of the Municipality.

These offices have been particularly active against Japan and have been issuing pamphlets of an inflammatory and belligerent character.

The authorities consider that these activities are calculated to subvert the peace, especially considering the polyglot nature of the Nationalist agents, who comprise Chinese, Russians, Koreans and Indians.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

News Agency Denial.

Shanghai, Aug. 30.

The Nationalist News Agency states that reports that the Shanghai office of the Intelligence and Publicity Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in Jinkee Road, has been searched and closed by order of the Shanghai Municipal Police is unfounded.

The offices of the Department, says the Agency, are still open and functioning, but the Commissioner for Foreign Affairs has lodged a strong protest with the Consular Body concerning the seizure by the police of anti-Japanese literature found in the office.—*Reuter.*

Portugal's Treaty.

Shanghai, Aug. 29.

The Portuguese Minister to China left Tientsin to-day *en route* to Nanking to commence conferences with the Nationalist Foreign Ministry regarding the revision of the Sino-Portuguese Treaty.

Marshal Li Chai-sum.

Shanghai, Aug. 29.

The Fengtien delegate, Shing Shih-lien, intends to spend a few more days here awaiting the arrival of Marshal Li Chai-sum, with whom he wishes to confer.

New Tientsin Commander.

Shanghai, Aug. 29.

The appointment of General Chen Tiu-yuan to be Garrison Troop Commander of the Peking and Tientsin areas is contemplated by the Nanking Government, though no official announcement has yet been made.

Wireless Items.

Naval wireless messages received in Hongkong state that the Tongshan mining area continues quiet. Marshal Chang Tsung-chang paid a visit to Chu Yu-pu at Kaiping on Tuesday.

Fengtien troops continue to move outside the Great Wall, and it is believed that they intend to leave a garrison of 25,000 between Lanhsien and Shanhaikwan.

A message from Wanhsien states that General Yang Sen has left by steamer, presumably in support of the attack against Liu Hsiang, which is again reported to be imminent.

Shansi-Manchuria Agreement.

Shanghai, Aug. 29.

Marshal Yen Hsi-shan, of Shansi, has sent three personal envoys to Mukden to endeavour to arrive at an agreement with General Chang Hsueh-liang, the War Lord of Manchuria.

The Shansi delegates arrived at Mukden on Friday last and had a long interview with General Chang Hsueh-liang. The discussion, according to a Mukden message, concerned an agreement whereby Shansi and Fengtien forces are to

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CHINESE SHOT BY ASSASSINS.

KUOMINTANG EX-OFFICIAL MURDERED.

ASSAILANTS ESCAPE.

Shanghai, Aug. 30.

It is reported from Hangchow, the capital of Chekiang Province, that Mr. Chen Ting-yi, a well-known former member of the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang, was assassinated at Shaoshan on Tuesday.

It appears that Mr. Chen had been on a visit to Hangchow and on retiring from politics he returned to his home at Shaoshan, arriving there on Tuesday.

As he was on his way to his residence, at about two o'clock in the afternoon, he was suddenly attacked by two unknown men, who fired three shots at him.

Mr. Chen was seriously wounded, and he died about half an hour later whilst being conveyed to his residence.

The police were immediately informed of the affair, but the assassins were successful in making their escape.—*Nam Chung Pao.*

BRITISH BOXING VICTORY.

JOHNNY HILL WINS OVER "NEWSBOY" BROWN.

AMERICAN OUTBOXED.

Rarely has a world's title boxing match been staged in open air at the Clapton Stadium in London, and the match between the British and European flyweight champion, Johnny Hill, and the American, "Newsboy" Brown, last night was a great fistic attraction.

There were amazing scenes of enthusiasm when the two principals took the ring. Each was accorded a wonderful reception by the crowd. The attendance was the largest that has ever witnessed such a fight at the Stadium and constituted a record, it being estimated that no less than 50,000 persons paid to see the fight.

The match was one of 15 rounds and the audience received full value for money, the fight going the full distance. The verdict was awarded to the Britisher on points.

The decision of the judges was enthusiastically received, the crowd vociferously cheering the victor when the verdict was announced, although it could easily be seen that the American had been losing considerable ground during the greater number of the 15 rounds.

Hill gave the more spectacular exhibition and was much cleverer and speedier, says Reuter. Throughout the fight he showed superior knowledge of finer points and scored some beautiful shots with his left. He started very promisingly and quickly gained the lead in points.

On the other hand, the American could not successfully fathom Hill's *science and was out-boxed* during the majority of the rounds.

Baldock Wins.

The principal bout of the evening was preceded by a 15-round contest between Teddy Baldock and Johnny Brown at the 8st. 6lb. limit. The match went to Baldock who gained the upper hand from the moment the fight started. His opponent was so badly knocked about that Brown's seconds threw in the towel in the second round, says Reuter.

BIG TOBACCO MERGER MOOTED.

RETAIL CORPORATIONS OF HUGE TURNOVER.

New York, Aug. 29.

It is rumoured on Wall Street that negotiations are progressing for the merger of the United Cigar Stores Company of America and the Schulte Retail Stores Corporation, bringing together the largest chain of retail tobacco organisations in the country.

The United Cigar Stores Company has monthly sales amounting to G.$5,000,000 and the Schulte Corporation sales amounting to G.$2,000,000.—*Reuter's American Service.*

CLAIM AGAINST DOLLAR CO.

GOODS REACH WRONG DESTINATION.

CONFUSION CAUSED BY TWO "PUNTA ARENAS."

CONTRACT BREACH?

The Dollar Steamship Line were sued in the Summary Court this morning, before Mr. Justice Jacks, in respect of a case of bone and silk ware which was stated to have been dispatched from Hongkong to Punta Arenas, Chile, and which was landed at Punta Arenas, Costa Rica, where it was sold by the Costa Rica Government to cover storage charges.

The plaintiff was Watanmal Boolchand, of 18 and 20, On Lan Street, who claimed from the defendants the sum of $591.25, The money was claimed as damages for breach of a contract in writing, dated July 30, 1926, for the carriage of the goods to Punta Arenas, which the defendants failed to deliver. The money was alternatively claimed as damages for conversion by wrongful sale, or for breach of duty and contract in failing to make enquiries, and selling without the knowledge of the plaintiffs.

Mr. M. M. Watson was for the plaintiff, while Mr. G. S. Hugh Jones conducted the defence.

Never Arrived.

Mr. Watson said that although the goods were consigned to Punta Arenas, Chile, they never arrived there. The plaintiff arranged to buy the goods and send them to a customer in Punta Arenas, Chile. When the purchases had been made, he found that the next boat sailing was the Dollar Line President Wilson, and it was arranged to dispatch the cargo on that boat.

The plaintiff obtained a receipt from the mate which was sent to the Dollar Line office, and in return a bill of lading was given on receipt of which the plaintiff paid the freght charges. He then arranged for the Netherlands Bank to send the bill of lading and other documents, such as insurance, to their agents in Chile for collection from the consignee. Mr. Watson pointed out that the goods were sent in July, 1926, and the plaintiff regarded the matter as closed as the Netherlands Bank would collect the money.

Sent to Costa Rica.

Continuing, Mr. Watson said that nothing happened for a long time and the next they heard of the matter was the receipt of a letter in the following March which stated that the goods had not arrived. The plaintiff then took the matter up with the Dollar Line who made investigations and eventually the plaintiff received another letter from his customer in Chile saying that the articles had been sent to Punta Arenas, Costa Rica.

Following this development, the plaintiff asked the Dollar Line to send the goods to Punta Arenas, Chile, and they said they would do so. After a lot more time had been wasted, the plaintiff was informed that the goods had been sold. That information was given some two years later, shortly after the present action had been started. It appeared that the articles were sold by the Costa Rica Government in respect of storage charges.

Mr. Watson added that they did not know what actually happened at Costa Rica and if he had put Mr. Hugh Jones strictly to proof it would have necessitated a commission. By arrangement, however, they had agreed to certain facts subject to a qualification that Mr. Hugh Jones should give the best evidence that he could in Hongkong.

Which Place?

Dealing with the statements of claim and defence, Mr. Watson pointed out that the plaintiffs alleged the goods were consigned to Punta Arenas, Costa Rica on the instructions of the plaintiff. The defendants also relied on certain paragraphs of the bill of lading under which they claimed that they were

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ALLEGED ATTEMPT AT MURDER.

QUARREL ON CANTON BOAT LAST NIGHT.

ASSAILANT SEIZED.

Capt. B. Thompson, of the s.s. Lungshan, reported to the Police at midnight last night that at 7.45 p.m. whilst the vessel was on its way from Canton to Hongkong at a place near Sam Pan Chau, a male passenger, named Chau Yick-cheung attempted to murder a female passenger, Shiu Fuk Mui by throwing her overboard. The male passenger has been arrested.

Further details were gleaned by a visit to the s.s. Lungshan this morning, when it was learned that the couple involved were not acquainted. The affair occurred on the main deck, where both were travelling second class and was witnessed by a large number of passengers. The origin of the trouble was not ascertainable, but, according to eye-witnesses, it appears that a quarrel broke out and Chau, seizing the woman, dragged her to the open door leading into the port alleyway and before he could be restrained, had the girl half way over the ship's rail.

Passengers in the vicinity immediately set up the cry of "Man Overboard" which was heard by the purser, he in turn rushing to the bridge and informing the master. The ship was immediately put about and search commenced, but was discontinued when it was learned that the atttempt had been frustrated. The ship was then put back on her course.

Meanwhile, the assailant had been seized by passengers in the vicinity and held while investigations were made. These resulted in the holding of Chau in custody until Hongkong was reached, when he was turned over to the Police at the Canton Wharf.

HOME FOOTBALL.

NEWCASTLE'S BIG DEFEAT.

London, Aug. 29.

The following are the results of matches played to-day:

Division I.

Arsenal	1	Derby County	3
Everton	0	Sheffield Wed.	0
Newcastle	2	Burnley	7
Sunderland	3	Blackburn R.	1

Division III (South).

Gillingham	1	Torquay	1
Plymouth	3	Swindon	0

Division III (North).

Wigan	1	Halifax	1

—*Reuter.*

LATVIA SUPPRESSES SOCIALISTS.

COURT OF APPEAL TO PASS JUDGMENT.

Riga, Aug. 29.

Acting on the instructions of the Minister for the Interior, the police have suppressed the Independent Socialist and Communist Party who proclaimed a General Strike on August 22, and which led to rioting in the capital.

A Court of Appeal will decide whether the Ministerial action be upheld.—*Reuter.*

DEATH SENTENCES COMMUTED.

LATVIAN OFFICIALS AS SOVIET SPIES.

Riga, Aug. 29.

Three of the death sentences which were passed in July on officials who were found guilty by a Military Court on charges of espionage on behalf of the Soviet Government have been commuted.

The fourth condemned man, named Kornilovich, who was formerly Chief of the Frontier Guards, will be executed.—*Reuter.*

OCCASIONAL RAIN.

The Report of the Royal Observatory to-day states that a trough of low pressure extends from north Indo-China to far east of the Philippines.

The local forecast up till noon to-morrow is:—"East winds, moderate; generally overcast, occasional rain."

GRAND TATTOO DETAILS.

SPECTACULAR ARMY DISPLAYS.

DIFFERENT SPECIAL EVENTS EACH NIGHT.

GATHERING OF CLANS.

Hongkong is in for a great treat on October 4th, 5th and 6th, the three nights set apart for the Grand Tattoo at Sookunpoo. Each night there are to be spectacular military displays, as well as special events which are to be changed nightly. Matters have now so far advanced that the Working Committee has been able to hold its first meeting on the actual venue, at which Lieut.-Col J. L. Comyn, C.M.G., read and explained the programe in detail.

It is intended that there shall be seating accommodation for over 5,000 people, and the prices of half of these seats are to be $1 and 50 cents, whilst the highest prices charged will be $5.

The Programme.

Details of the programme have now been worked out, and these show that the Tattoo is to be opened each night at 8.30 p.m. by the firing of three guns. Chimes striking the hour will next be heard and the castle gates will be flung open. Through them will issue the massed buglers of the command who will sound the "First Post." They will be followed by the Drums and Pipes of the 1st Batt. the Queen's Royal Regiment who will beat the Tattoo. Next the Guard of Honour will enter and following them the massed bands and drums of the tournament.

H.E. the Officer Administering the Government (the Hon. Mr. T. Southorn, C.M.G.) will arrive at 8.40 p.m. and when the Government House party is seated the massed bands will play for 15 minutes.

Gathering of the Clans.

The first scene, entitled "The Gathering of the Clans," will open each night at 8.55 p.m. This will be performed by the Philharmonic Society, the A.D.C., and the Reel Club, the clansmen and the pipers being from the 2nd Battn. the King's Own Scottish Borderers. The scene for this will be a Scottish village where a wedding has just been celebrated and where dancing on the village green is in progress. Whilst the people are engaged in revels they are suddenly attracted by the sound of horse's hoofs. Coming direct for the village is seen a horseman, galloping at a furious pace and bearing the fiery cross in his hand. Revelry ceases and a more sombre atmosphere envelopes the Scottish village, the men donning their fighting kit in response to the silent message born by the rider who is then seen riding away in the direction of other villages, calling the clans to muster. From time to time the horseman is seen with his fiery cross as he goes to the other clachans up the glens, until he reaches the hilltop and lights the warning beacon.

After a slight interval, the sound of pipes is heard in the distance as the men from the villages make their way to the gathering converging to the Scottish village. The Chieftain is hailed, farewells given to the womenfolk and the clans march off to the tune of "Sound the Pibroch.

Other Features.

At 9.20 each night Torch Light Evolutions will be given by the 1st Battn. the Queen's Royal Regiment. About 440 N.C.O.'s and men will take part divided into three groups, and music will be provided by the massed bands.

At 9.45 each night the second scene of the Scenario will be given, which is entitled "Outposts of the Empire" and which shows the capture of a desert fort. Taking part are the Hongkong and Singapore Brigade, R.A.; the King's Own Scottish Borderers; the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps (motor cycle and machine gun sections); the Mule Corps; and the Hongkong Branch, St. John's Ambulance Brigade.

Dancing Displays.

Each night at 9.15 there will be special dancing displays. These will be as follows:

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THE VANCOUVER AIR TRAGEDY.

SEVEN BODIES FOUND IN WRECKAGE.

BRITISH M.P. AND WIFE.

London, Aug. 29.

It is now established that Mr. MacCallum Scott, the prominent British politician, and his wife, have lost their lives while flying as passengers in an aeroplane which left Victoria, British Columbia, on Saturday for Seattle.

The distance was only eighty miles but all trace of the machine had been lost. Messages from Vancouver, received in London to-day, states that the missing plane has now been recovered in thirty feet of water in Puget Sound. The dead bodies of Mr. and Mrs. Scott and five other persons were in the cabin.

Mr. Scott was visiting Canada partly on holiday and partly to collect material for a book on emigration and forestry. He became Member of Parliament for the Bridgeton Division of Glasgow, as a Liberal, in 1910. In 1922, standing as a Coalition Liberal, he was defeated in that constituency by Mr. Maxton, the Socialist. In 1924, he joined the Labour Party, and became its candidate for East Aberdeenshire.—*British Wireless.*

INTERPORT YACHT RACE.

HONGKONG FOUR TO VISIT SHANGHAI.

SEPTEMBER EVENT.

The following members of the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club have been selected to represent the Colony in the interport sailing match against Shanghai, which is to take place in Shanghai waters about the middle of next month:—Mr. A. L. Shields, (Commodore); Lieut. Col. H. B. Gunn, D.S.O., R.A.; Capt. Le Gros, R.G.A.; and Mr. F. Tracey.

These yachtsmen will leave for Shanghai on the President McKinley on September 11 and it is hoped to stage the contest at the end of that week.

No boats will be taken from Hongkong and the competitors will be called upon to handle Byrne boats, which have flat bottoms with a centre board and are very different from the type of boat used in Hongkong. The local men will therefore be using unfamiliar boats in strange waters and it will be interesting to see how they handle them.

The only previous similar interport race took place in Hongkong in January, 1925, when a team came down from Shanghai and were defeated by Hongkong. It remains to be seen whether Shanghai will obtain their revenge.

SEVERE HAILSTORM IN ITALY.

SIX PERSONS KILLED & OVER 100 INJURED.

Rome, Aug. 29.

A message from Monza, Lombardy (northern Italy) states that six persons were killed and over one hundred injured by a severe hailstorm between Montia and Legnano.

Enormous hailstones fell and the hurricane caused heavy damage to the small tower of the Cathedral. Many chimneys and telegraph wires were blown down and many buildings collapsed at Fossati.—*Reuter.*

WORLD'S SWIMMING RECORD.

BRITISH GIRL TAKES U.S. TITLE.

Dundee, Aug. 29.

Miss Cissie Stewart broke the half-mile swimming record of the world by covering the distance in 12 mins. 33. 3/5 secs., thus clipping 3.3/5 secs. off the record of the American, Miss Norelius.—*Reuter.*

PEACE PACT NOT ENOUGH.

ACTION WANTED BY HUNGARY.

SAYS HER OLD ADVERSARIES STILL HOSTILE.

GREECE WILL SIGN.

Budapest, Aug. 29.

The comment of the Hungarian newspapers on the invitation to Hungary to adhere to the Kellogg Pact is not enthusiastic, and the newspapers declare that the Pact will only be effective if its signature is followed by the abolition of existing injustices, in which connexion they allege that Hungary's adversaries during the war are still hostile towards Hungary and are treating Hungarian minorities contrary to the Peace Treaty.—*Reuter.*

Greece Will Adhere.

Athens, Aug. 29.

It is officially announced that Greece will adhere to the Kellogg Pact.

The Rhineland Question.

Brussels, Aug. 29.

M. Hymans, the Foreign Minister, on his return from signing the Pact in Paris, declared that the question of the evacuation of the Rhineland was not mentioned in his talks with Dr. Stressemann and other statesmen.—*Reuter.*

Invitation to China.

Shanghai, Aug. 29.

Mr. Edward S. Cunningham has sent Dr. C. T. Wang a copy of the Peace Pact signed in Paris on the 27th inst. In a covering letter the *Charge d'Affaires* at Peiping says he has the honour formally to communicate the text for the consideration and approval of Nationalist Government.

Referring to the clause on ratification the *Charge d'Affaires* points out that it is provided that the Pact shall be open to the adherence of all other Powers. The U. S. Government will be happy at any time to receive appropriate notices of adherence from any Power desiring to participate in the Treaty.—*Reuter.*

Cuba, Bolivia and Peru.

Washington, Aug. 29.

Cuba, Bolivia and Peru have notified the State Department of their intention to adhere to the Kellogg Pact.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Brazil's Principles.

Rio de Janeiro, Aug. 29.

Replying to the United States' invitation to adhere to the Kellogg Pact the Brazilian Government congratulates the United States and other signatories, "All the more since the principles laid down in the Pact, even before they were engraved in the text of the Republic's constitution were already engraved in the conscience of the Brazilian people, who never under any circumstances fail to observe them."

The reply concludes saying that Brazil is "duly noting" the invitation.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Argentine Invited.

Buenos Aires, Aug. 29.

The United States have invited the Argentine Republic to adhere to the Pact.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Soviet Not Satisfied.

Moscow, Aug. 29.

The Soviet Press emphasises that the Pact does not remove the contradictions dividing the different countries, and in nowise prevents the growth of armaments.—*Reuter.*

Leave for Ireland.

Paris, Aug. 29.

Mr. Kellogg and Mr. Cosgrave left on a special train for Havre where they will embark on the United States cruiser Detroit for Ireland, Mr. Kellogg returning Mr. Cosgrave's visit to the United States earlier in the year.—*Reuter.*

The next Promenade Concert at Volunteer Headquarters has been arranged for Friday, September 21, when the Band of the 1st. Battalion The Queen's Royal Regiment will play (by kind permission of Lieut.-Col. H. C. Ponsonby, D.S.O., M.C., and Officers).

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PICNIC TRAGEDY.

DROWNING FATALITY AT SWATOW.

Despite the heroic efforts of a Chinese who went out into rough sea in an attempt to effect a rescue, one of the best known residents of Swatow met his death on Saturday by drowning.

The victim of the tragedy was Mr. A. Ingermann, a well known German resident of the port, who was connected with the Swatow Kai-ming Electric Co., Ltd., and the Swatow Waterworks as an engineer.

Following a usual custom of the summer months, Mr. Ingermann went out bathing on Saturday afternoon with a party which included Mr. S. M. Cowles of the Y.M.C.A., Swatow, Dr. D. C. Berger, the American Consul and another gentleman.

The bathing picnic was held at Double Island in the entrance to Swatow harbour. There was an unusually heavy swell on the sea, coupled with an ebb tide and a strong current. The bathers found themselves in difficulties in the heavy sea which was running and Mr. Berger, Mr. Cowles and another man only reached the shore after a hard struggle.

Mr. Cowles was more exhausted than the others who had put forward their biggest efforts to reach the shore. None of the men were able to go to the assistance of Mr. Ingermann who also struggled to reach the shore.

Gallant Rescue Attempt.

A riesha coolie employed by the manager of the Bank of China happened to be near the spot, and being a strong swimmer he went into the heavy sea in an endeavour to save Mr. Ingermann. Despite the rough buffeting he received he managed to bring Mr. Ingermann to the shore but only with the greatest difficulty. Dr. White of the British Presbyterian Mission immediately tried artificial respiration but there was still no sign of life after two hours' work.

The funeral of the late Mr. Ingermann took place on Sunday and was attended by practically the entire foreign community of Swatow. In addition over a hundred Chinese workmen, engaged with companies in which Mr. Ingermann was interested, attended at the cemetery at Katchio, where the burial service was conducted by Mr. G. I. Gledt of the American Presbyterian Mission.

Business Activities.

In addition to his other activities in Swatow the late Mr. Ingermann was also interested in ice factory and tugboat undertakings. Formerly he was a chief engineer with Messrs. Jebsen and Co. and also with the Hensburgh Line. He was born in North Schleswig about 45 years ago. He was interned at the outbreak of war and after going to Europe in 1919 he returned to the Far East. He was pre-deceased by his wife about a year ago and leaves two young children who are now in Germany.

Mr. Ingermann was very popular in Swatow where his death is deeply regretted and where warm praise is accorded the riesha coolie who tried to save Mr. Ingermann's life.

JAPANESE "REDS."

TRIAL OF FORTY COMES TO END.

Fukuoka, Aug. 29.

The preliminary trial of forty communists has been concluded here. Thirty-five were found guilty of violation of the Law for the Maintenance of Peace and Order. The defendants, who it appears distributed communistic pamphlets and posters during the general election last February, will be tried publicly shortly.—*Reuter.*

MONEYLENDING.

SHIPPING CLERK SUED.

A heated dialogue between Mr. J. M. d'Almada Remedios and Mr. C. A. S. Russ, and an application for a witness to remain in court, figured in the Summary Court yesterday afternoon, before Mr. Justice Jacks, during the hearing of a moneylender's claim. The plaintiff, Sundagat Singh, claimed the sum of $440 as balance due under a promissory note for $640, from Mr. J. S. Landolt, of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company.

When Mr. Russ remarked that he had applied for discovery of defence documents and stated that nothing had been disclosed to him, Mr. Remedios strenuously protested against such a remark, describing it as "most serious." He added that if his Lordship had made such an order and he (Mr. Remedios) had ignored it he would be liable to arrest for contempt of court.

Mr. Russ remarked that Mr. Remedios was in a "dramatic mood," to which Mr. Remedios replied, "I am, and I have to be when I am dealing with Mr. Russ."

Mr. Russ subsequently found that he had not applied for discovery.

An application by Mr. Remedios for a witness for the defence to remain in court while the plaintiff gave evidence was objected to by Mr. Russ, the objection being upheld by his Lordship.

Mr. Russ was for the plaintiff and Mr. Remedios defended.

The plaintiff said, in evidence, that he was first introduced to defendant in 1924, by a man named Ah Young. On November 3, of that year, the defendant borrowed $640 of which $200 had been repaid by instalments. When the note was drawn up and signed the defendant used the word "We" but, after signing, he crossed out "We" at the plaintiff's request and substituted "I." The defendant put his initials to the alteration.

An account book was produced by the plaintiff which showed various payments. He said that before the loan of $640 he had lent the sum of $100 on the joint signatures of Mr. Neves and Mr. Landolt. That amount had been paid back, but the note had been lost.

The plaintiff went on to say that he always went to see the defendant on the first or second day of every month when he was sometimes paid and sometimes not. He pointed out that Mr. Landolt had only paid $2 in January, this year.

Alleged Fraudulent Claim.

Mr. Remedios asked permission to withhold his cross-examination of the plaintiff with regard to his book, saying that in spite of the fact that his Lordship had made an order for discovery that book had not been discovered to him.

Mr. Russ remarked that Mr. Remedios never went to see the book.

Mr. Remedios said that the defence was that the plaintiff's claim was fraudulent.

Mr. Russ replied that if there was any charge of fraud he would object to it being raised, on the ground that no notice had been given.

Mr. Remedios contended that there was no question about notice of fraud.

Mr. Russ argued that it had been laid down many times that one should give notice in a very definite form.

Mr. Remedios remarked that perhaps he had used the word *"fraud" in a harder strain* than he intended, and referred his Lordship to the Moneylenders' Ordinance on the point. He continued that the defendant's case was that not only one note passed between the parties but many notes passed, one covering another. The note being sued upon was supposed to have been satisfied by a subsequent note, and therefore the claim was bad.

Mr. Russ repeated his argument with regard to notice.

His Lordship remarked that he had not the foggiest idea what the defence was and therefore he could not give a ruling.

Series of Borrowings.

Cross-examined by Mr. Remedios, plaintiff said that he was introduced to the defendant in May, 1924, and within a few days he signed a joint note with another man for $120, the amount actually lent being $100 between them. They both signed that note. The next transaction was in June, when the defendant personally borrowed $136 and signed for double that amount. He again borrowed $200 in September, 1924, signing for $400. He also signed as a guarantor for a third party in May. On the May note, the defendant and Mr. Neves paid the money back at the rate of $12 each month.

Plaintiff agreed that that May note had been paid off and stated that he had received back $72 on the June note. That note had been lost.

Mr. Remedios: That is a very convenient explanation.

I put it to you that Mr. Landolt borrowed on money from you in September?—He borrowed $200 from me.

That the only amount borrowed was in May and that that note was signed jointly by Mr. Landolt and Mr. Neves?—Well, it is very easy to say, but there is no proof.

That that promissory note was not returned after being discharged by the defendant?—Yes, some notes were lost. Not only that one but others.

Mr. Remedios asked his Lordship to note that answer, saying that it would have a very big bearing on the case afterwards.

In reply to his Lordship, Mr. Remedios said his object was to satisfy his Lordship that, previous to the signing of the note, all notes which were outstanding were cancelled by the particular note for $640. He pointed out that the note was written in the plural but was signed by only one person, Mr. Landolt.

A Lost Note.

Continuing Mr. Remedios said he had evidence to show that the word "Us" would bring in an office companion of the defendant. They arranged for a loan of $400 for which they signed for $800, payable in monthly instalments of $80 a month. That was in August. September and October instalments were paid, leaving $640. On November 1 the plaintiff reported the note as lost and said he had made a report to the police to that effect. In view of that loss Mr. Landolt gave a new note which he himself signed and then asked his companion to sign, which he refused at that time to do, and asked for a letter of indemnity, which was given.

Mr. Remedios put it to the plaintiff that both men borrowed $400 from him in August, 1924, and signed for $800.

Plaintiff: No, they borrowed $600, $300 in May and $300 in July.

The case was adjourned until the afternoon of Friday week, his Lordship making an order for mutual discovery.

THE AMERICAN NAVY.

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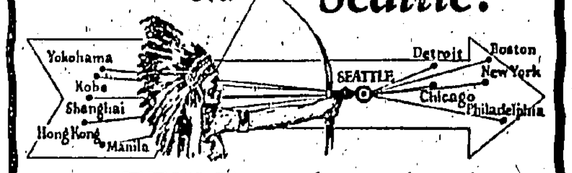

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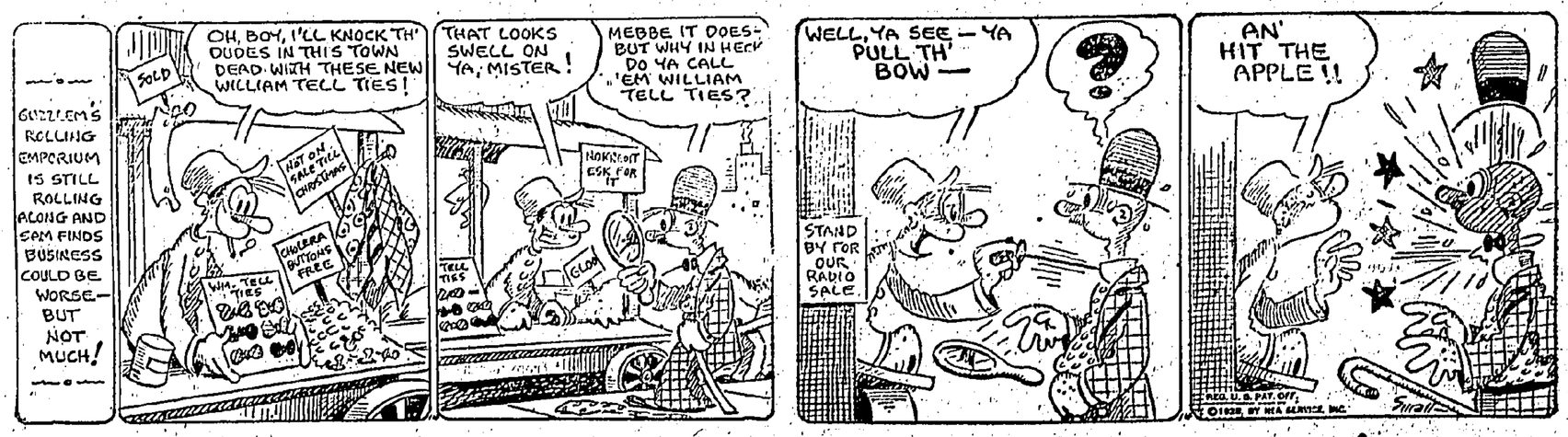
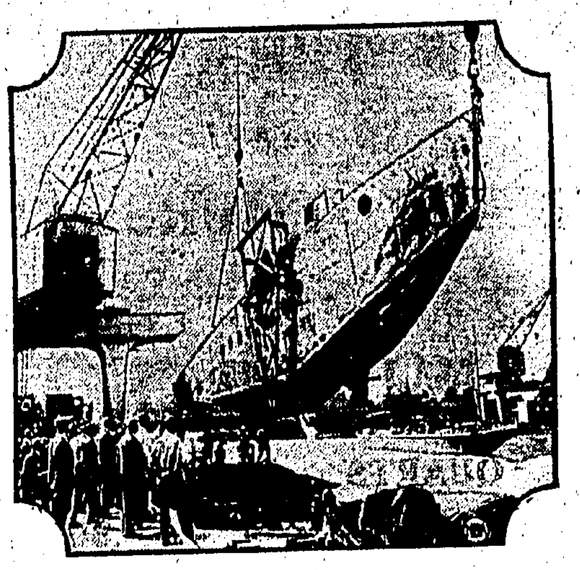
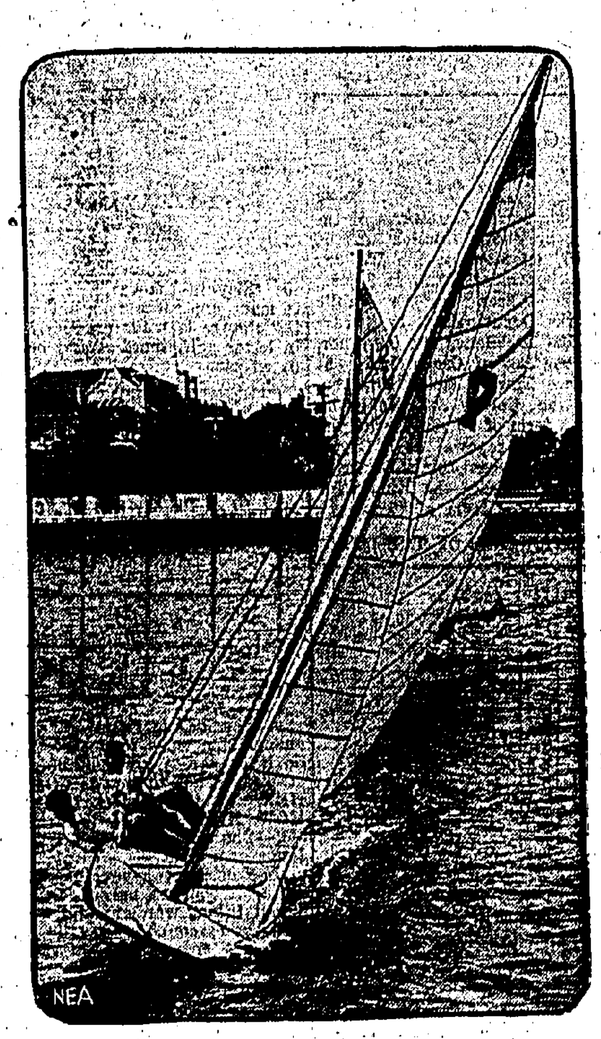




Here's the fuselage of the secretly constructed Roarbach Romar the largest seaplane in the world, as it was being hoisted on a barge at Hamburg, Germany. The ship will have a cruising radius of 3000 miles and will be able to carry a useful load of 40,000 pounds.

In the very hour of celebrating his election as president of Mexico with a banquet at Cafe La Bombilla, Alvaro Obregon was shot to death by a fanatic. The arrow points to Obregon at the festal board shortly before the assassination. Note the decorations in his honour. This picture was delayed in transmission because the photograper who took it was placed in jail after the assassination.

The first pictures for Mexico showing the funeral procession of the assassinated President-elect Alvaro Obregon and the man who killed him are shown above. Jose de Leon Toral, whose bullets in the Cafe La Bombilla ended the famous general's life, is pictured to the right above. To the left is pictured the head of the funeral procession as it left the National Palace in Mexico City, with President Calles marching immediately behind the hearse. Below is another view of the procession which marched an hour and a half from the Palace to Colonial Station.



A splendid photograph showing the thrills of yachting, even on a river.

Commissioner R. G. Macdonald, of the Shanghai Special Police, photographed recently on his return from home leave with officers of the Specials. On his right is Supt. R. G. Herbert and on his left is Supt. Breaden. The branch was formed in May 1915, and after a course of training took up their duties on June 21 the same year.

This is a new photograph of Mr. Al Smith, Democratic nominee for president, showing the New York governor in one of his new summer suits.

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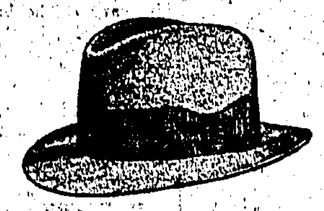

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New Advertisements.

NETHERLAND CONSULATE GENERAL.

In commemoration of the anniversary of the birthday of Her Majesty the Queen of the Netherlands, the Consul General will be at home at the Chancery, Asiatic Building, on Friday, the 31st of August, between 11 a.m. and noon.

H. K. CRICKET LEAGUE.

The Annual Meeting will be held at the Sanitary Board Room, Post Office Building (by kind permission) on Monday, 3rd September, at 5.15 p.m.

A. A. RUMJAHN,
Hon. Secretary.

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W. E. HOLLANDS,
Hon. Secretary H.K.F.A.

HONGKONG FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

Club Secretaries are reminded that August, 31st is the last day for which application for affiliation for the ensuing year can be accepted.

W. E. HOLLANDS,
Hon. Secretary.

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Club Secretaries desirous of entering teams in the above League for this season are reminded that entries close on the 31st August. Entrance fee $20 for each team to accompany the application.

W. E. HOLLANDS,
Hon. Secretary.

HONGKONG FOOTBALL CLUB.

Notice of Meeting.

The 41st Annual General Meeting will be held in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., (by kind permission) on Friday, 31st August, 1928, at 5.30 p.m.

Business.

Passing of Annual Report and Statement of Accounts.

Election of Officers.

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Particulars and Conditions of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 3rd day of September, 1928, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Shamshuipo in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less three days.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale.	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements. N.	S.	E.	W.	Contents in square feet.	Annual Rental.	Upset Price.
			feet	feet	feet	feet			
1	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1153.	At junction of Ow Yau Street and Pei Ho Street.	As per sale plan.				5,304	$15	$2,823

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S	I	L	K

1—The idea of letter golf is to change one word to another and do it in par, a given number of strokes. Thus to change COW to HEN, in three strokes, COW, HOW, HEW, HEN.

2—You can change only one letter at a time.

3—You must have a complete word, of common usage, for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.

4—The order of letters cannot be changed.

One solution is printed on another page of this issue.

Lammert's Auctions.

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The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction
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Behind the gay and gorgeous life of Paris, the scenes of "La Boheme," which will be shown at the World Theatre from to-day to Saturday, are laid. The story of the famous opera is generally well known. Rodolphe, a poet, is struck by the beauty of Mimi, a seamstress, both living in the poorer quarters of Paris. A love springs up between the two but circumstances throw the young couple apart. Meanwhile Rodolphe rises to fame and fortune, but his loved one, having been decoyed by a cynical boulevardier, refuses to return to her lover, whose one sorrow in life is the absense of Mimi. The climax is reached when Mimi, after a life of struggle and hardship, returns to die in the arms of Rodolphe. Lillian Gish and John Gilbert take the leading roles in this big picture and are supported by a huge cast which includes Renee Adoree, Roy D'Arcy, Karl Dane and many others.

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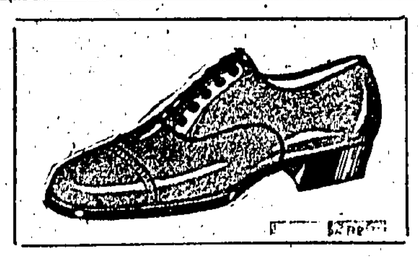

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WOMAN'S WORLD

FOR OUR LADY READERS.

Success in Business.

[By Lady Victoria de Trafford.]

There are certain very definite qualities needed by a girl who wishes to make a success of her life. It is not necessary to possess them all, in fact to do so would mark her out for a very special career; but to possess at any rate some of them is to start life with an invested capital to draw upon.

Personality, in my opinion, stands first in the list. It is an indefinable quality that compels attraction and attention, and given that—rare gift that it is—the other qualities are more or less unnecessary adjuncts.

Next on the list I think I should put "quick wits." If a girl is being interviewed by a business manager, he usually puts various questions or conundrums to her, and the girl whose brain responds readily and whose tongue can turn a quick answer catches the interest of the interviewer and she is marked out for consideration.

Good Looks.

Thirdly, the "good-looking" girl must be considered. Many business men will give preference to a "good looker" for various reasons. She appeals to him because a good-looking girl will attract customers to the business or the office, but even with the appeal of the good looks there is always the thought of the possibility of "complications" arising, and therefore many an employer is deterred from engaging a girl with a lovely face, thus putting good looks into a lower category than the two preceding qualities.

Cultivate Good Temper.

Two very decided factors making for success in business are good temper and the art of silence. These are, of course, qualities that can only be proved by experience and time, and to the "novice" being interviewed would not count, but to a girl who has been in business these facts noted by her late employer would prove of immense value. The manager who knows that a girl will not resent his hastiness or curtness (probably caused by over-work or worry) will be considerably influenced in his selection, and the girl whose loyalty to her firm will give her a silent tongue is of the greatest value and will command a high salary and important posts.

Take Stock of Your Assets.

To sum up then, if a girl is out for a successful career, let her take stock of these qualities and see if she possesses them, or at any rate if she can cultivate them, and let the plain-featured girl take heart and remember that given personality, or those qualities I have spoken of, she can compete on even terms with either brains or beauty in the run for success in life.

One-Minute Interviews.

FLAPPERHOOD STILL LOVES DOMESTICITY.

The home fires are still burning in flapper hearts in spite of their exaggerated independence and matter-of-factness about love, home and children, in the opinion of Mrs. Charles A. Lindley, editor of the "The Junior League Magazine."

As editor of this official organ, Mrs. Lindley feels the pulse of the younger women all over the country who will be the social leaders of their respective communities.

Mrs. Lindley

"Girls today are astonishingly serious at heart," she said. "Their nonchalant manner and attitude grows out of their abhorrence of sentimentality rather than a lack of feeling. The key to their behaviour is summed up in their own phrasing, 'What is all the shooting about?' But the fact that they hate a fuss over things does not mean that they are indifferent to the home and family things that the women of yesterday stressed so much.

"It is just that the young women of to-day have a business-like efficiency and matter-of-factness about living. They are practical and not romantic. They insist that their lives be interesting. But I am constantly surprised to find that they are interested also in home things.

"I should say that women's love of home and children has not changed. The method of living merely has."

"Snapping" Baby.

Every baby has pretty little ways copyright to himself. It is usually these "ways" that make the happiest photos—the sort of pictures you will treasure when he has left babyhood far behind him.

First of all, look out for a characteristic attitude. It is hopeless to try to "pose" baby and still keep him looking perfectly natural. If possible, take the picture in your own garden or somewhere that he visits often, and let him have familiar toys and objects near him. Never attempt to take a photo of baby on a "cross day!" He will not look his best if he is feeling fretful.

Of course, your small sitter must be in the sunshine for a snap, but there is no need for him to have to screw up his little face because of the sun; you will probably get a better result from a side or three-quarter face picture rather than a full face one.

Be careful not to get the camera too near baby's feet or they will be out of proportion; also, never point it downwards; if baby is on the ground your camera must be level with him.

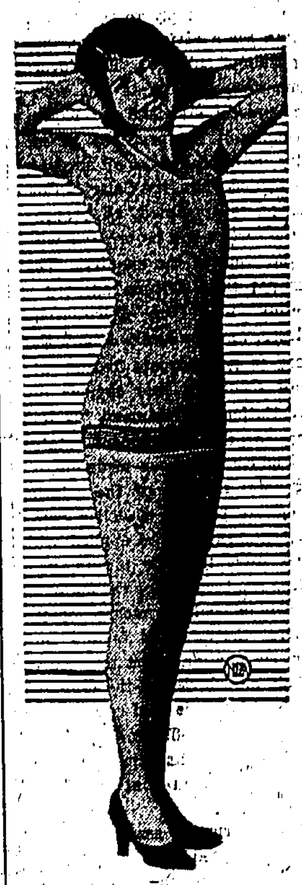
If you need assistance when taking the picture try to get someone to help you, whom baby knows well; it is strange people and surroundings who sometimes give little people a puzzled, pouting expression in photographs.

Above all, go about your preparations as if nothing out of the ordinary were happening.

For the Autumn.

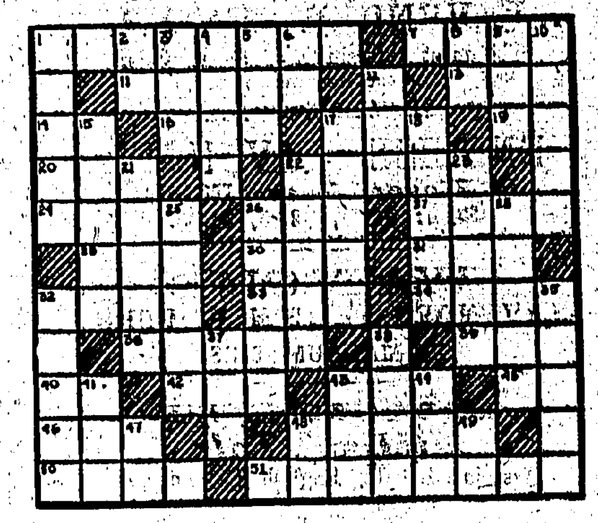
Navy blue crepe de chine of heavy make was used for this frock, with black cuffs and a touch of black on the collar. But it would be a charming house frock if some pale colour were chosen and a sash were substituted for the belt at the waist. The flounce on the skirt is an effective note.

Winner of Contest.



Pictured is Miss Irma Britton, 22, of Weir, Kansas, winner of first place in a recent Kansas beauty contest at Pittsburgh, Kansas. There were 50 contestants.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Horizontal

1 What is an image formed by dispersion of a beam of light called?
7 What is the name of the constellation which contains the stars forming the dipper.
11 Female horses.
13 Scarlet.
14 Preposition of place.
16 Door rug.
17 Habitual drunkard.
19 Paid publicity.
20 To annoy.
22 Swift.
24 Baseball team.
26 The handle of a jug.
27 Into what sea does the Jordan river flow?
29 Decem.
30 Beer.
31 Organ of hearing.
32 Which of the United States senators has his home in Kansas City?
33 Affirmative.
34 Snow coaster.
36 Dressmaker.
39 Sailor.
40 Above.
42 Drone bee.
43 Capuchin monkey.
45 Therefore.
46 Eon.
48 To think.
50 Short letter.
51 What famous American patriot was the founder of "The Saturday Evening Post"?

Vertical.

1 Ogden H. Hammond is American ambassador to what country?
2 Standard of type measure.
3 Eccentric wheel.
4 Street car.
5 To rot flax by exposure.
6 You and me.
8 Abbreviation for "railroad."
9 Ocean.
10 Totalled.
12 To walk on one foot.
15 Banal.
17 Wise men
18 Ebb and flow of water (pl.).
21 Joints of the legs.
22 King.
23 Apportioned as cards.
25 Finished.
26 Stratum.
28 Regions.
32 In what city in France was Joan of Arc burned at the stake?
35 To perish by water.
37 Grief.
38 Principal.
41 Opposed to "con."
43 Mineral spring.
44 Writing fluid.
47 Preposition of place.
48 Correlative of either.
49 Deity.

Yesterday's Solution.

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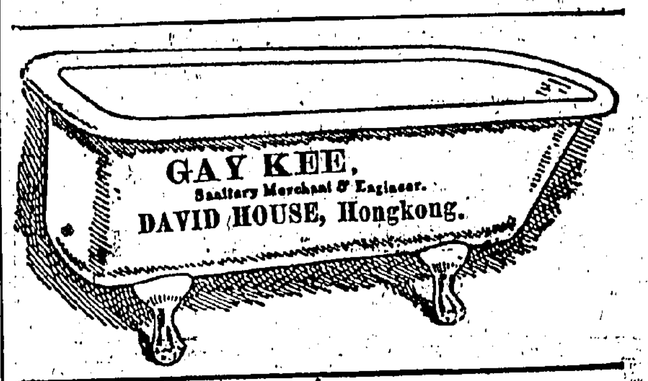

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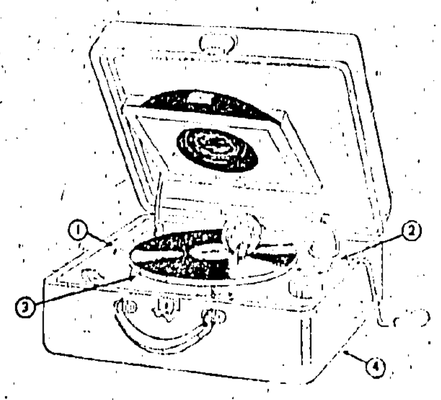

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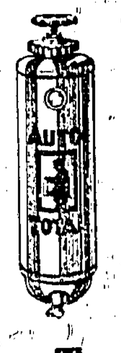

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CIVIL SERVICE PAY.

Amongst the locally-engaged subordinate officers of the Government there will no doubt be much dissatisfaction felt at the nature of the official reply to the petition asking for a revision of the existing scale of salaries. The Government says, in effect, that whilst the present standard of pay is adequate, it is prepared to consider individual cases of hardship, but if, and when, the Salaries Commission is appointed, all branches of the service will be brought within the scope of the enquiry. That was not the attitude adopted in dealing with the sterling-paid officers, and we again assert that there is no adequate reason why there should be this obvious differentiation in treatment. If it is true, as the Government states, that no case has been made out for a general revision of the salaries of officers paid on a dollar basis, the argument can be applied with equal force to their sterling-paid colleagues, because for the majority of men in both branches of the service the essential factors are precisely similar. The promise to include all salaries in the Commission's enquiry is cold comfort to the subordinate officers, seeing that the Government has already reached the conclusion that their pay is adequate.

The Government asserts that the recently-granted exchange compensation scheme for civil servants paid on a sterling basis was designed particularly to meet the extra cost of living to officers in the Colony resulting from the fall in the exchange value of the dollar. That is a statement that calls for some comment. For all practical purposes, the only Government servants affected by the lower exchange are those with wives and/or families at Home, necessitating remittance of part of their salaries to England. Their case was, however, covered by the remittance privilege scheme in operation before the recent increase in salaries. The remaining sterling-paid officers—those still in the Colony, with no exchange obligations—have not suffered from the fall of the dollar, for the simple reason that they were paid at the standard rate of twelve dollars to the £ sterling. On these facts, there was really no case for the recent granting of additional concessions to all sterling-paid officers. It may be that the decline in exchange has had the effect of causing a shrinkage in the purchasing power of the dollar locally, but that applies just as much to the subordinate staff as to the higher ranks in the Government service. Much is made, in the reply to the subordinate officer's petition, of the fact that since 1924 the Government has granted rent allowances to those on the permanent staff with ten years' service and upwards. But are there not many more civil servants, amongst the sterling-paid, who receive such allowances, even though their service be of much less length? Another point stressed is that the Government has leased some 42 flats to subordinate officers at rentals representing only six per cent. of their salaries. It is pertinent to remember, however, that the junior clerical staff alone totals close on seven hundred employees. Moreover, what of the higher-paid civil servants housed in "Government palaces" and other quarters at an equally low proportionate rental? All the privileges which the subordinates enjoy, of which the Government makes mention, are also enjoyed by the sterling-paid officers, in most cases in even greater measure.

With regard to the point that the subordinates' standard of pay compares favourably with that prevailing elsewhere in the Colony, this is surely as it ought to be. The integrity of the Civil Service rests very largely on securing immunity for its officers from economic worry; if there is to be any difference between Government and commercial standards, it should be in favour of the former. If we take the case of the higher-paid civil servants, with salaries ranging from £1,000 to £1,500 a year, it obviously cannot be argued that they have been hit by the fall of the dollar to the extent of causing them anxiety and embarrassment. Yet the majority of them, being married, receive a 12 per cent. increase in salary under the scheme now in force. It is when we consider such a fact as this that we fail to understand the unsympathetic attitude of the Government towards those who must be feeling the increased cost of living to an extent which cannot possibly apply to the higher-paid civil servants.

India's Future.

A decision of undoubted importance to the future political history of India has just been taken at Lucknow at the Conference representative of all the Indian parties—Swarajist, Hindu and Moslem. Previous to this All Party Conference, the Hindus and the Moslems held their own private meeting, at which the Hindus decided to support the adoption of the Report drafted by the Nehru Committee which formulates a scheme for the future Government of India, including a demand by Indians for the grant of Dominion status, the transference of political power from England to the people of India, and the establishment of a two-Chamber Parliament with supreme authority. The Moslems, however, raised some objections at their own meeting which preceded the Conference, but it is noteworthy that at the Conference itself the whole of the Moslem contingent, with one notable dissentient, voted in favour of the Report. Of course, the Moslem objection is based on the fear that in the provinces in which there is a Moslem minority the Hindus will not give them a share in the administration (whenever they get it in their hands) but the reservation of rights, which is provided for in the Nehru Report, is intended as a safeguard against that contingency. What really matters today is that Indian opinion is more or less completely aligned on the side of India being granted a Dominion status, and the establishment of a Parliament with supreme authority. Hitherto there has been such keen mistrust among the Indian parties themselves that there has been no co-ordinated formula for which they could work in concert, but the day now seems to have come (at least there is the promise of it) when Hindu and Moslem will work together for the development of Indian political institutions. There are one or two extremists who will go on insisting that India ought not to be content with a Dominion status but ought to aim at the evolution of complete political and governmental freedom from the British Empire, but these will be in a decided minority now that a platform has been officially adopted by the All Party Conference. With the Simon Commission still at work, it seems distinctly promising that some tangible concessions to Indian opinion will be made in the course of the next few years, and if Hindus and Moslems can work together in a constructive and moderate way, freeing the governmental machinery from the foolish obstructions of the past few years, it may be that the process of political evolution in that country will be speeded up to a degree which seemed very remote indeed a few years ago.

DAY BY DAY.

LIFT THYSELF UP, LOOK AROUND, AND SEE SOMETHING HIGHER AND BRIGHTER THAN EARTH, EARTH-WORMS, AND EARTHLY DARKNESS.—*Jean Paul Richter.*

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The son of one of the servants of the Yaumati Police Station was sent to the Kwong Wah Hospital yesterday afternoon suffering from injuries caused by falling from the first floor of the Servants' Quarters at the Station.

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A Chinese woman was sent to the Government Civil Hospital by the West Point Police at 10.45 a.m. yesterday. It was stated that the woman, Mak Chiu (29), address unknown, was found floating in the harbour off Kennedy Town pier. She was rescued by the master of a junk.

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Passengers leaving on the Empress of Russia yesterday included Colonel R. B. Skinner, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Potter, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Sim, Mr. H. G. Sheldon, Mr. and Mrs. K. H. Chun, Mr. A. W. Grimmitt, Rev. V. H. Gowen, Lieut. W. R. George, Miss J. Ho Tung, Miss G. Ho Tung, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Henderson, Mr. H. A. Pearson and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Rattey.

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Mr. W. F. Hedges, F.R.I.B.A., M.I.S.E, who has been appointed Chief Architect to the F.M.S. Public Works Department, comes from the Gold Coast, where he held a similar position for eight years. Mr. Hedges, who is now working on the plans of the new Kuala Lumpur Hospital, designed the buildings of the Prince of Wales' College at Archimota. He was awarded the O.B.E. in 1927.

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The Harbour Office reports this morning gave 13 arrivals and 14 departures, British holding top place with six and seven respectively, leaving 52 vessels in harbour, British 20. Tonnage showed a decrease, but freights were individually good, although there were only eight registered inward and five registered through. The high figures of the day were monopolised by Dutch and British, the former being best.

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Mr. E. A. Ford, late of No. 2, Eldon Road, Hampstead, Middlesex, who died on January 16, 1928, at No. 40, Belsize Grove, Hampstead, left estate in Hongkong to the value of $12,600, while gross estate outside the Colony amounts to £2,186 15s. 4d. Exemplification of probate has been granted to Mr. M. H. Turner, of Messrs. Deacons, who is the attorney of the widow and a daughter. The bequests are all of a family nature.

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A report has been made to the police by Corporal Ogden, of the "B" Company, K.O.S.B., who is stationed at Shameen, to the effect that he handed private Rogers $40 to be handed to his wife residing at No. 5, Married Quarters, Victoria Barracks. Private Rogers arrived from Canton on Friday last and slept in the guard room of Murray Barracks for the night. The next morning he discovered that the money had been stolen from him whilst he was asleep.

EXCHANGE RATES.

London, Aug. 29.

Paris	124.25
Brussels	34.90
Amsterdam	12.10¾
Berlin	20.36
Copenhagen	18.19
Vienna	34.425
Helsingfors	192¾
Lisbon	2.7/32
Bucharest	705½
Buenos Aires	47⅝
Shanghai	2/7½
Yokohama	1/10.9/32
New York	4.85 9/32
Geneva	25.20
Milan	92.55
Stockholm	18.13
Oslo	18.19
Prague	163¾
Madrid	29.205
Athens	375
Rio	5.29/32
Bombay	1/5.31/32
Hongkong	2/0
Silver (spot)	26⅞
Silver (forward)	27.1/16

—British Wireless.

CECILIA HANSEN.

LAST NIGHT'S TRIUMPH AT THEATRE ROYAL.

The two outstanding features of the violin recital given at the Theatre Royal last night by Miss Cecilia Hansen were the wonderful technique displayed by the artiste and the unbounded enthusiasm of the audience. It was a sweltering night, and, with all the windows shut to keep out the noise of passing trams and motor-cars, the Theatre was uncomfortably hot. In such circumstances, it is a tribute to the appeal made by Miss Hansen that the audience never tired; indeed, at the conclusion of the recital it cheered for more and would not be satisfied until a double encore had been conceded. The famous violinist was immensely pleased with the reception accorded her, and, in a brief chat with the writer during the interval, she said she had never played to a more intensely interested audience.

Coming here as the world's greatest woman violinist, Miss Hansen soon demonstrated that the description is in every way justified. The programme was distinctly "high-brow" for the main part, and it contained one or two numbers seldom given by visiting violinists. Tschaikowsky's Concerto in D Major was the star piece. It is a massive work, designed for violin and orchestra and is rarely heard in this part of the world. Typically Russian in its broad melodies, it was magnificently played and it provided great scope for the artiste's amazing versatility and interpretative skill. It is interesting to note that Miss Hansen is to play this work in January next with the London Symphony Orchestra. The opening number of the programme, Vitali's Ciaconna, was another finely-played contribution, in which wonderful breadth of tone was maintained.

The second part of the programme was of a lighter order, and here, no less than in the more ambitious works, Miss Hansen showed exceptional brilliance. The La Follia variations (Corelli-Kreisler) were delightfully interpreted, whilst Brahms' Hungarian Dance was given with much emotional understanding. Extremely delicate and captivating was the rendering of Poldini's Waltzing Doll, and another most effective offering was Bazzini's Goblins' Dance. Kreisler's Recitative and Scherzo, for violin only, was of superlative excellence, yet further demonstrating the artiste's fine technique. At the close of the concert, Miss Hansen was given a great ovation, being recalled again and again.

Excepting for the Kreisler item, Mr. Boris Zahkaroff accompanied throughout, and he proved a most sympathetic and helpful pianist.

The concert will long be remembered by all present, and there should be an even larger audience to-morrow night, when Miss Hansen makes her final appearance in a more "popular" programme. Last night she certainly upheld her reputation as a violinist of the very first rank.

To-morrow's Programme.

Music-lovers will be interested to learn that Miss Hansen has decided to cancel the programme originally arranged for her concluding performance in the Colony, and instead, she will play a number of popular works prominent amongst which will be two concertos by Vivaldi-Nachez and Mendelssohn respectively. The full programme is as follows:

1.—Concerto A Minor Vivaldi-Nachez
Allegro
Adagio
Allegro
2.—Concerto Mendelssohn
Allegro
Andante
Allegro
3.—a. Larghetto Handel
b. Rondo Mozart-Kreisler
4.—a. Lotus Land Cyril Scott
b. Dance Cyril Scott
c. Alt Wien Godowsky-Press
d. Perpetuum Mobile Paganini

About Hong Kong.

Do you know that——

Austin Road and Austin Avenue, Kowloon were named after a former Colonial Secretary, Mr. John Gardiner Austin, C.M.G.?

Coming first to China as Government Agent for emmigration to the West Indies, he was appointed Colonial Secretary of Hongkong in 1868, retiring in 1879. During the absence of the then Governor, he Administered the Colony, and had the distinction of being the first Colonial Secretary to be honoured with the C.M.G. decoration.

The Very Idea!

A constable, giving evidence recently at an inquest at Brentwood on the victim of a motor-cycle tragedy, said it was a very hot day, and while taking notes of the accident his boots stuck to the newly-tarred road.

He only got clear when the rubbers on his boots were pulled off and left behind.

The inquest had reference to the death of Percy C. H. Greenslade, of Plymouth, who was killed when a motor-cycle on which he was a pillion passenger shot across the Brentwood-Tilbury road and collided with a motor-car. It was suggested that the cycle got into a wopple on the tarred road, and a verdict of accidental death was returned.

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Lydy, yer know I orlwys done my best
To sing abaht yer fice in classy style;
But, nah, I'm bahnd ter git it orf me chest
In good ould Cockney. Nahl yer needn't smile.
Perfesser says its "splendid."
Can yer daht it?
So, Lydy, wot abaht it?

Thom eyes o'yourn they fairly tikes the kike.
There's times I 'ardly think they can be reel.
But there! I knows they 'yn't no blomin' fike.
Sort of all overish they mikes me feel.
Them eyelashes is fair as black as soot. It
Jus stumps me 'ow ter put it.

An' owl yer mahth is sich a lovely thing.
Redder than lipsticks wot them flappers flirt.
An' teeth? My word! like pearlies on a string.
You're jist abaht the goods, an' that's a cert.
If any bloke dares say you're not a topper,
Lydy, I'll p'y 'im proper!

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The young man and the girl were saying good night on the doorstep when a window above them suddenly pushed up and a weary voice said:

"My dear sir, I have no objection to your coming here, and sitting up half the night with my daughter, nor even to your standing on the doorstep for a couple of hours saying good-night, but out of consideration for the rest of the household who wish to go to sleep, will you kindly take your elbow off the push-bell?"

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When the French team visited South America on their recent world tour, they were royally feted at Buenos Aires; and to Borotra, as captain, fell the duties of spokesman for the team. Borotra, speaking in French, promised that at the farewell banquet, three days later, his speech should by hook or by crook be made in the Spanish language.

The occasion arrived. His rash promise was recalled with amused anticipation. Had he managed to learn "Spanish in three days?" The first few halting words, very correctly enunciated, evoked thunders of hilarious applause. Followed a string of neat sentences, laborious of delivery, but perfect in idiom and diction, which suggested a miraculous effort of memory.

Still the French captain waxed more confident, more fluent, more voluable. And still the wonder grew—until after a twenty minutes' speech, which left his audience dumfounded, he ended with the confession that he was by birth a bi-lingual Basque.

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Little Bo-Peep
Refuses to weep
No matter how deep her dejection,
For she knows that a tear
Makes a horrible smear
Of her beautiful schoolgirl complexion.

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East Ham landlady: He used insulting language in five different ways in one day.

Solicitor, to a man at Bow County Court: Would you mind speaking up?—Judge Snagge: He has not said anything yet.

Question at Bow County Court: You are his wife?—Woman: Indeed, I am not. Here are my divorce papers.

Man summoned at Willesden: Excuse my being nervous, but I do not feel quite at home here.

It was explained at Willesden that three men took short-distance railway tickets, and on arrival paid excess from the last station, instead of that at which their tickets had expired—Magistrate: These men ought to be on the Stock Exchange.

The Consul General for the Netherlands will be At Home at the Chancery, Asiatic Building, to-morrow, between 11 a.m. and noon, in commemoration of the anniversary of the birthday of Her Majesty the Queen of the Netherlands.

ALLEGED SECRET DISTILLING.

REVENUE OFFICERS DISCOVER A "MIRACLE."

NEW TERRITORY CASE.

Revenue officers who made a surprise visit to the Wo Fung native distillery at Chinwan at the beginning of this month, to-day gave evidence before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Central Police Court, to the effect that they found spirits being secretly distilled and that certain details were withheld from the record books to which representatives of the Revenue Office have access.

The case is one in which two officials of the Distillery are summoned for offences allegedly amounting to secret distilling of dutiable spirits and the suppression of the necessary details as to the quantity of raw materials used in the process.

Mr. M. K. Lo appeared for the defence.

The Superintendent of Imports and Exports (Mr. J. D. Lloyd) prosecuting, said the first defendant, Ling Yue-tin, was the licensee of the Distillery. He stayed in Hongkong most of his time and visited the Distillery at Chinwan only once a week, as he was responsible for the due carrying out of the regulations.

The second defendant was the active managing partner of the firm.

Surprise Visit.

The visit which Mr. H. A. Taylor and Revenue Officer Brown made to this Distillery at 4.30 p.m. on August 1st, was in the nature of a surprise, for it was a day on which the usual routine visit from the Revenue Officer would not be expected.

The result of the sudden visit was that everything was found to be wrong with the order of work in the distillery. For one thing, the spirits were found to be extraordinarily weak, and then the production book had not been entered up for that day, as required by regulations. The Distillery had distilled 16 jars of molasses spirits and five jars of rice spirits, but had made absolutely no entry in the production books in respect of such output.

When the book in which the molasses mash was entered from day to day, was inspected, it was found that the entry for the previous day's process, August 1st.

Fresh Entry.

During the time that Mr. Taylor and Revenue Officer Brown were at the Distillery, somebody made an entry in the book for the day before, which was not there when they first inspected it. In his hurry that person, in entering the date, had made it the 8th month instead of the 7th month. That entry, freshly made, was blurred when the Revenue Officer ran his finger over it.

It was discovered that there were three *kongs* of molasses mash, numbered as 50, 51 and 52 which by their appearance had been filled only that day. According to the cycle in which these *kongs* were filled in the Distillery, they should not have been filled at all, for the process of fermentation would have carried them to Sunday when the distillation of wines was expressly forbidden by the regulations. The inference, therefore, was that those *kongs* were filled for secret distillation on the following Sunday.

The visiting Revenue Officers also found three other *kongs* half full Nos. 44, 56 and 56, which were not due (according to the official rules regulating the output in this establishment) for distillation that day. August 3, three days afterwards, would have been the official date when the contents of these particular three *kongs* would be drawn off for distillation. The explanation given by the defendants, for this break in the cycle of production, was that No. 44 leaked, and it was found necessary to transfer its contents to the other two *kongs*. How they could fill from one *kong* to make one *kong* and a half was not clear, commented, Mr. Lloyd. Revenue Officer Brown, doubling back on his own tracks that night, found that No. 44 was now quite empty, and that the bottom had been knocked out of it, apparently to manufacture evidence, said Mr. Lloyd.

A "Miracle."

Then, again, the surprising discovery was made that Nos. 45 and 46 of the same series were now full. It then came to this, that from one *kong* which they said had been cracked, they were able at first to fill one-and-a-half *kongs*, and then to two *kongs*. Mr. Lloyd, commenting on this, said he regarded it as a miracle.

The molasses removed from these three fermentation *kongs* would be equivalent to eight jars of spirits. As a matter of fact, certain jars standing near the spot, were found to contain molasses identical with those in the three *kongs*.

Mr. Lloyd proceeded to explain the charges, pointing out where the regulations had not been conformed with, in the alleged incorrect recording of molasses and spirits.

The case is proceeding.

PIG CRUELTY CASE AT KOWLOON.

ANIMALS LEGS CUT BY CRATE.

Li Liu, a Chinese pig dealer, was fined $10 this morning at the Kowloon Magistracy for cruelty to a pig.

Inspector O'Brien, of the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, informed Mr. W. Schofield that when the train from Canton reached Yaumati at 11.30 a.m. yesterday he noticed that the defendant had custody of five pigs. They were being carried in crates which had no matting underneath and this was causing unnecessary pain to the animals. One of them had all four legs cut by the bamboo strips which formed the crate.

Defendant pleaded guilty, when the charge was read to him, but added that he was ignorant of the laws of the Colony.

Inspector O'Brient told his Worship that some time ago a member of the Wing Shing Loong firm had been fined for a similar offence. In that instance the pigs' legs were tied to the crates. The defendant belonged to the Wing Shing Loong and therefore the Inspector felt he must know the regulations. The pigs were brought into the Colony from the New Territories.

In imposing the fine, his Worship remarked that defendant ought to know better than to treat the pigs so cruelly, as it appeared that one of the animals had all four legs cut.

Other Cases.

Fines of $2 each were imposed on two other Chinese who were charged with carrying a pig in a crate which had no matting at the bottom.

In this case the Magistrate remarked that he was imposing a smaller fine as it appeared to him that the animal was not injured.

FAILED TO REPORT TO POLICE.

CHINESE EXCUSES AT KOWLOON.

Convicted on a charge of failing to report himself to the police, after being placed under police supervision for one year, a Chinese was fined $75, or in default two months' hard labour, by Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

The police told the Magistrate that the defendant was placed on twelve months' supervision from January 3 this year, but since then he had never reported himself to any Police Station in the Colony. He was arrested in Canton Road at 3.30 a.m. in the morning and the detective making the arrest had reason to believe that the defendant was out at that hour for no good purpose.

Asked what he had to say, the defendant pleaded for leniency on the ground that he had been away to Canton for five months since January. In July he was back in the Colony, but failed to report because he was ill.

Asked why he did not report for the month of August, defendant said he was too deeply immersed in his work and forgot to do so. He had every intention of reporting when September came round.

In imposing the penalty stated above, his Worship remarked that it seemed that the defendant had no intention of reporting at all.

NO CYCLE LIGHT.

CHINESE GETS OFF WITH CAUTION.

In prosecuting a Chinese for riding a bicycle without a lamp last night, an Indian constable told Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, that the defendant appeared to be a learner who was experimenting in Laichikok Road. He fell in front of a motor bus and, when he noticed the constable approaching, tried to escape arrest by riding away on his bicycle. As he was a beginner, the constable had no difficulty in overtaking him.

Defendant explained to the Magistrate that he had a lamp, but whilst he was on the Laichikok Road he noticed that the lamp went out and he had just dismounted to re-light it when the Indian arrested him.

His Worship enquired whether the defendant had a box of matches on him when arrested, and was told that the defendant, being in a position to bail himself out, was not searched at the Police Station.

The Magistrate remarked that it would be well in such cases to ascertain if the defendants carried matches. He would caution the defendant as it appeared to him that the light went out when he fell in front of a bus.

CASH DEPOSITS IN CLUBS.

FOUND SUCCESSFUL IN SINGAPORE.

CHITS GIVE A FEELING OF OPULENCE.

MYTHS OF TRADITION.

The report of the Singapore Cricket Club, says the *Straits Times*, contains the significant statement that since the cash deposit system has been brought into existence bad debts have ceased to be. Those who advocated the change can now say that the end has justified the means, and that the old system of a month's credit, convenient though it might be was not practicable in a large club with a big proportion of junior members if bad debts were to be avoided altogether.

It is to be remembered that the Selangor Club led the way quite a number of years ago by introducing the system of cash payments for drinks.

Pay Before Purchase.

The S.C.C. system—while in its way even more drastic, as it means paying for goods before they are actually purchased—has the merit of being more convenient, and the result of six months' working is that the experiment has proved a success.

It is also argued, in reply to those who were reluctant to see their credit privileges taken away from them in order to guard against a few defaulters, that the cash deposit system has the merit of guarding junior members from the perils of too much credit, and that nowadays they are much more certain to spend within their means.

Members who are no longer junior may reflect that in their young days they had no protection but were left to find out for themselves that the system of "order now and pay later" had disadvantages as well as obvious merits.

Chits Die Hard.

The complaint of the "chit" system of the East is an ancient one, but the chit dies hard, in this part of the world at least, and although it is a never-failing source of amazement to the newcomer to find how easily people can obtain goods on credit, store and hotel proprietors are apparently reluctant to make a change which force of circumstances has compelled in other places. The cynical may comment that those who do pay more than compensate for the bad debts of those who do not and it is certainly true that plentiful credit and high cost of living go together.

Post-War Youth.

There are those who argue, however, that the post-war young man is a careful and self-reliant person who does not need protection from the pitfalls of too easy credit; that he is perfectly well able to look after himself and shows no disposition to preserve the old Eastern tradition of an extravagant and irresponsible youth. There would appear to be good grounds for arguing that this is true, or it may even be that the old tradition was never really any more than a tradition, and that the now middle-aged generation was never as wild as it thinks it was. Perhaps the victims of too much credit were always a very small minority whose falling by the wayside made them the more conspicuous.

Hotels Next?

Be this as it may be, the way of the extravagant is certainly being made less easy. Club are becoming prosaic institutions where one must be in credit before one can sign chits; possibly in course of time hotels will follow to the extent of demanding payment at the time of ordering. No doubt this is a very desirable reform, yet there are those who will regret to see the old order change entirely.

The trustfulness of hotel proprietors certainly gives a pleasant—though transient—feeling of opulence. Ability to postpone the day of reckoning may be altogether a bad thing from the point of view of the stern moralist, and in these hard, practical days perhaps it is one of the things which should be done without. But even those who are by no means of the younger generation find that the necessity of paying on demand has demerits which occasionally outweigh its economic advantages. In a word, it is cramping to the style.

"Let's pretend we're castaways on a desert island."

ENGLAND'S TEST TEAM.

GEARY CHOSEN FOR THE 17TH PLACE.

London, Aug. 29.

G. Geary, the Leicester all-rounder, has been chosen to complete England's Test Team which is to tour Australia.

V. W. C. Jupp (Northamptonshire) will accompany the team should a vacancy occur prior to the players' departure.—*Reuter.*

The following sixteen players were selected last month:

Mr. A. P. F. Chapman (Kent) captain.
Mr. J. C. White (Somerset) vice-captain.
Mr. D. R. Jardine (Surrey)
J. B. Hobbs (Surrey)
H. Sutcliffe (Yorkshire)
E. Tyldesley (Lancashire)
W. R. Hammond (Gloucester)
M. W. Tate (Sussex)
M. Leyland (Yorkshire)
H. Larwood (Notts)
L. Ames (Kent)
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NEW ALL-ELECTRIC SHIP.

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London, Aug. 29.

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STAR FERRY WHARF INCIDENT.

GUNNER CHARGED WITH RESISTING ESCORT.

COURT MARTIAL SITS.

A recent incident at the entrance of the Hongkong Star Ferry Wharf had a sequel at a District Court Martial at Victoria Barracks this morning when Gunner William Edward Shipley was charged with absenting himself without leave on August 15 and absenting himself from Tattoo Roll Call at Stonecutters Island. He was further charged with resisting an escort which sought to arrest him for being drunk.

The composition of the Court was as follows:—Major G. R. Pendergast, Queen's Regiment President), Capt. P. Perfect, K.O.S.B., and Lieut. K. W. Morris Jones, R.A.

Capt. W. J. Stopford, R.A., prosecuted and Capt. H. B. Legros, H.K.S.R.A., acted as prisoner's "friend."

At the request of the defending officer, the two charges were taken separately.

Evidence was given by Lance Bombardier Neres to the effect that the accused was absent from Stonecutters on August 15.

Lance Corporals Dowse and Scarborough, K.O.S.B., testified to having arrested the accused outside the Star Ferry Wharf, Hongkong. He was apprehended for being drunk and was with Lance Bombardier Cotton and a civilian, who was later discovered to be Warder Hodge of the Victoria Gaol.

At the close of the case for the prosecution, the defending officer submitted that he had no case to answer as it had not been given in evidence that the accused had no right to be absent from Stonecutters' Island.

It was subsequently decided by the Court that Lance Bombardier Neres should be recalled.

L/B Neres then stated that the accused had had no permission to be absent.

The Court adjourned at this stage till 2 p.m.

CARGO BOAT NUISANCE

MAKING FAST TO STEAMER UNDER WAY.

Four mistresses of cargo boats were charged before Commdr. Newill, D.S.O., R.N., at the Marine Court this morning, with making fast alongside the s.s. Van Heutz while that vessel was under way, without the permission of the officer commanding. Two of the accused pleaded guilty and two not guilty.

Evidence by a police sergeant was to the effect that the Van Heutz entered from the eastward at 10.30 a.m. yesterday and a number of craft were observed to be secured alongside before she reached her buoy. The vessel was boarded and the Chief Officer stated that these juks and lunches were a great nuisance. They had no permission to be alongside. While they were made fast, the ship went astern and the junks swung out, fouling the buoy and creating a situation of great danger.

A steam launch, the Pyeris, was also involved and a summons was being served for the offence.

In reply to questions, the police sergeant stated that at the time of his boarding, a slip rope was on the buoy, but the junks were made fast long before the Van Heutz came up to her mooring.

This evidence was corroborated by another police officer, who stated that the master of the Pyeris admitted the fault and asked to be excused. Three of the junks were made fast outside of her and the other one astern, abreast of No. 1 hold.

The two defendants pleading not guilty, stated that they did not make fast until the vessel was secured to her buoy, but neither was sure if the steam launch had made fast while the vessel was under way.

The case was considered proved and fines of $10, with the usual alternative, were inflicted in each case.

U.S. AIRCRAFT TENDER REFLOATED.

ANOTHER WARSHIP ASSISTS THE "AVOCET."

Chefoo, Aug. 30.

Assisted by the U.S.S. Jason, the Harbour Commission's tug and a dredger, the American aircraft tender, Avocet, which went aground during a storm on Sunday, was refloated on last night's tide.—*Reuter.*

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FRIDAY TO MONDAY AUG. 31st TO SEPT. 3rd

DEATH OF MR. H. BALL.

HEADMASTER OF F.M.S. SCHOOL.

Educational circles will learn with regret of the death of Mr. Harold Ball, M.A. (Oxon.), which occurred at Penang on the 21st instant.

Mr. Ball first came out to Malaya in 1913, when he joined the Malay College, Kuala Kangsar, as an assistant master. His first appointment in the Straits was in 1921, when he was Acting Inspector of Schools, Malacca. In 1924 he served in Kedah as Acting Superintendent of Education, and in 1925 he came down to Singapore to act as headmaster of Outram Road School. During 1926 he acted as headmaster of the Malay College and Assistant Inspector of Schools, Perak, and in March, 1927, he received the thanks of the Perak Government for services rendered during the great floods in December, 1926. Later he acted as headmaster of the Malacca High School, and on his return from Home leave he was appointed headmaster of the English School, Kajang, which appointment he held at the time of his death.

BASEBALLERS DEPART.

CARRY AWAY CUP.

The Shanghai Chinese (East China) baseball team, after remaining in Hongkong for two weeks as guests of the South China Athletic Association, departed for home on the s.s. Empress of Russia, yesterday.

The team was seen off by a committee of the local baseball clubs, consisting of, among others, Mr. Harry H. Sling, manager, and Mr. Richard Shim, assistant manager, of the South China baseball teams; Mr. Wong Kum-ying, Mr. Soo Huen-yau, and Mr. Loo Hap-foo, of the social committee of South China Athletic Association; and Mr. Hin Wong, hon. secretary of Hongkong Baseball Association.

Before sailing, the team was informally entertained by Sir Shou-son Chow, one of the honorary presidents of the South China Athletic Association; and Lady Chow and other ladies were on board the Empress to see the team off.

The visitors were taken across the Harbour by a launch specially engaged by the South China Athletic Association, and the launch followed the Empress until she left the Harbour. Cheers were exchanged between the departing team and its hosts, while fire-crackers, including a long one, were displayed.

The visitors did very well during their stay in Hongkong, winning five and losing only one game. The team carried off the cup presented by Sir Shou-son Chow.

The Chinese Y.M.C.A. assisted throughout the short sojourn of the visitors by opening the hostel to them under most favourable conditions, by courtesy of Mr. Y. H. Tsao.

Tribute to S.C.A.A.

The captain of the East China baseball team has written to Mr. C. W. Luke, Chairman of the South China Athletic Association, as follows:

On behalf of the East China baseball team, I am directed to thank you most heartily for your kind hospitality and successful entertainments shown towards us during our stay in Hongkong. We feel that you have been an exceedingly excellent host, lavishing on us your many kindnesses which have made us feel that this has been a very happy and enjoyable trip. We cannot thank you enough for what you have done for us and we dare not promise you what we cannot fulfill in our present mood of grateful appreciation. We only hope that we may have the opportunity of repaying to some extent your kind treatment to your Dragon baseball team when they visit us in Shanghai next summer.

We have learned many things in Hongkong, one of which is your wonderful organisation of the Junior League. Your keen interest of developing the Chinese youths to be future baseball "stars" of China is an example worthy of admiration and we take back with us your idea of organising baseball teams among the young people in Shanghai. We think that it would not be amiss to say that your Association is the father of baseball in China, and will be the recognised authority on baseball therein.

We wish to express again our sincerest thanks for the successful ending of your difficult task in making our sojourn here a most pleasurable and memorable one.

ARMY FOOTBALL.

GARRISON LEAGUE STARTS ON MONDAY.

The Hongkong Garrison Football League will commence its fixtures on Monday, 3rd September. The following are the fixtures for next week:

Monday.—12th H. Bty. R.A. v. H.Q. Wing, 2nd Bn. K.O.S.B.; referee, L./Cpl. Shead, 1st Bn. Queen's R.R.

Wednesday.—H.Q. Wing, 1st Bn. Queen's R. Regt. v. R.A.M.C.; referee, B.Q.M.S. Hutchins, R.A.

Friday.—M.G. Coy, 2nd Bn. K.O.S.B. v. M.G. Coy, 1st Bn. Queen's R.R.; referee, Gunner Kinsella, R.R.

All matches are at the Chatham Road, Kowloon, Ground; kick-off at 4.30 p.m.

LAWN TENNIS.

SEWELL AND OWEN HUGHES IN HONG DOUBLES FINAL.

G. W. Sewell and H. Owen Hughes entered the final of the Hong Doubles tournament yesterday by defeating A. D. Humphreys and R. K. Valentine in straight sets. The winners will now meet R. Gordon and W. D. Fiddes Wilson.

Yesterday Sewell and Owen Hughes whose handicap was owe 15/2 beat Humphreys and Valentine, owe 15, by 6-4, 6-3, the winners having the better of the exchanges throughout the match, although the Dodwell pair at times came in for some spectacular play.

The final will probably be played next week.

BUREAU RAIDED IN SHANGHAI.

(Continued from Page 1.)

co-operate with a view to curbing the power and influence of the "Christian General," who, judging from recent developments appears to entertain the idea of bringing Tientsin under his control. The Shansi representatives are still at Mukden conferring with General Chang Hsueh-liang and the result of the meetings has not been revealed.

[It is noteworthy that during the Nationalist war against the Fengtien forces, the latter on several occasions showed a friendly attitude towards Marshal Yen and bitter feelings against the "Christian General."]

Attack on Heilungkiang.

Shanghai, Aug. 29.

The situation on the border of Heilungkiang is again very tense and much apprehension prevails owing to rumours, that the Mongolians are to launch an attack on Heilungkiang.

A Mukden message says that the Fengtien armies, numbering 10,000 men, are digging trenches and taking up strategic points on the Heilungkiang border.

War Movements.

Shanghai, Aug. 29.

Important statements were made by the Kwangsi General, Pei Chung-hsi, on Tuesday, when he said the Peking Headquarters of the Fourth Nationalist Army is to move to Tientsin on Saturday in order to facilitate military operations against the Northern troop remnants.

Recently the troops of Marshal Chang Chung-chang have exhibited a truculent disposition and it is the opinion of General Pei that they must be exterminated. General Pei is to leave for the front to direct operations as soon as Marshal Yen Hsi-shan arrive in Peking.

Regarding the closing down of Labour Unions in Peking, General Pei asserts that this was done to avoid class-conflict, which appears to be inevitable if these Unions, which are Communistic in their tendencies, are allowed to continue to function.

Negotiations Fail.

Shanghai, Aug. 30.

According to a Japanese report, it is claimed that the peace negotiations between the Mongolian and Manchurian authorities have been suspended since Tuesday. It added that both sides have since been re-inforcing their frontiers—*Nam Chung Pao.*

New Provinces.

Shanghai, Aug. 30.

At a regular meeting of the Central Political Committee yesterday in Nanking, it was decided to convert various Special Districts in North China into separate provinces. The Special Districts to be converted include Ching Hai (Koko Nor), Chahar, Jehol, and Suiyuan.

It was also decided to remove capital of the Chili from Tientsin to Peking.

It was also decided to add the name of General Li Lieh-chun, Mr. Sung Yuan-yan, Mr. Kung Hsiang-hsi and Mr. Tan Kah-kee (the well-known rubber manufacturer of Singapore) to the Committee of Overseas Chinese Affairs.—*Nam Chung Pao.*

Nanyang Captured.

Peking, Aug. 29.

According to reports from Tientsin the Nationalist forces have begun an offensive against the Chihli-Shantung remnants in the vicinity of Yutien, 70 miles to the north east of Tientsin.

Lu Chung-lin has wired from *Chengchow stating* that the Kuominchun have carried out an enveloping movement against the remnants of Fan Chung-hsui's forces, who retired to Nanyang, western Honan.

The Kuominchun, after two days fighting, captured Nanyang and most of Fan Chung-hsui's troops were disarmed, Fan Chung-hsui himself fled in civilian disguise to Hankow.—*Reuter.*

Anti-Bandit Scheme.

Shanghai, Aug. 29.

Marshal Yen Hsi-shan has appointed his subordinate, General Shang Chen, to be the Chairman of a Committee, which is to carry out a big scale anti-bandit campaign in Chihli Province.

THE CHINA STATION.

H.M.S. CORNWALL DUE HERE SHORTLY.

H.M.S. Cornwall, the new County class cruiser, is due to arrive in Hongkong on September 5. With her arrival, all the five new cruisers will be on the China Station.

The flag of the Commander-in-Chief of the Station was yesterday transferred from H.M.S. Hawkins to H.M.S. Kent, the new flagship.

TROOPS IN FOREIGN CONCESSION.

PROTEST AGAINST PROPERTY OCCUPATION.

A naval wireless message received in Hongkong states that troops of the 46th Army have occupied property in the foreign Concession at Chinkiang.

A protest has been lodged with the Commissioner for Foreign Affairs and evacuation of the premises appears likely.

AMERICAN BEATEN.

"Newsboy" Brown, the American contender for the Flyweight title of the world, who was beaten last night at the Clapton Stadium, by Johnny Hill, the Scottish boxer.

Dr. Edward F. Hoare, Assistant Deputy Coroner for Salford, has been appointed Coroner for East Sussex.

SUMMER RHEUMATISM.

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"As long as I was moving about my feet did not trouble me, but when I sat down they would get numb with sensations as though pins and needles were pricking them. At night my feet would burn and ache so that I could not sleep.

"I had suffered for a long time in this way before I heard about Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. After I tried them I soon noticed an improvement. The burning pain went away and I gained in strength so that I did not tire so easily as formerly. The pains in my shoulders stopped also and my sleep became sound and refreshing. I am certainly pleased with the way Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have helped me and I have recommended them to my friends."

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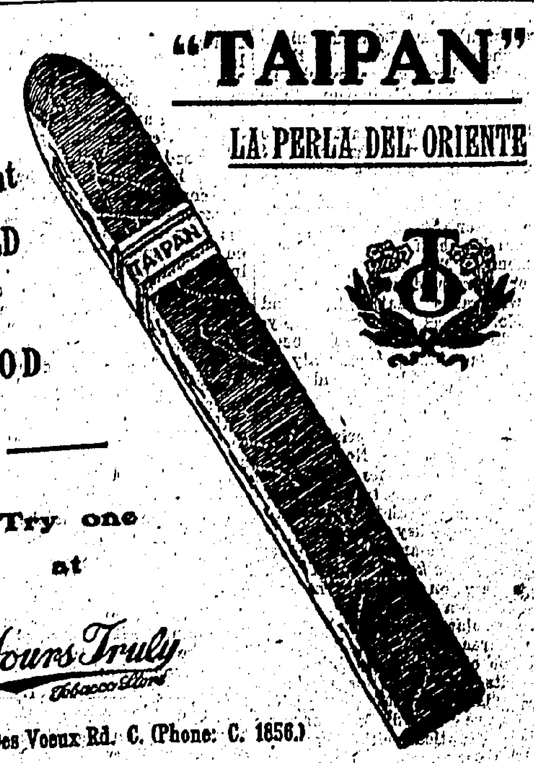

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MARGARET ODELL (THE "CANARY")
CHARLES CLEAVER, a man-about-town
KENNETH SPOTSWOODE, a manufacturer
LOUIS MANNIX, an importer
DR. AMBROISE LINDQUIST, a fashionable neurologist
TONY SKEEL, a professional burglar
WILLIAM ELMER JESSUP, telephone operator
HARRY SPIVELY, telephone operator
ERNEST HEATH, Sergeant of the Homicide Bureau

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THE STORY THUS FAR

The jewel case had been opened with a steel chisel after being battered with a poker. This leads Vance to the theory that the real murderer had not opened it but someone after him, someone who was hiding in the closet when the murder was committed. That man, he thinks, was Skeel, whose finger-prints were found in the apartment of the strangled Margaret Odell. Markham ridicules the theory and Vance painstakingly explains his reasons for thinking the crime not one of robbery but the work of a highly intelligent man who wanted the girl out of the way.

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CHAPTER XXV

When Vance finished speaking, there was a long silence. Markham, impressed by the other's earnestness, sat in a brown study. His ideas had been shaken. The theory of Skeel's guilt, to which he had clung from the moment of the identification of the finger-prints, had, it must be admitted, not entirely satisfied him, although he had been able to suggest no alternative.

Now Vance had categorically repudiated this theory and at the same time had advanced another which, despite its indefiniteness, had nevertheless taken into account all the physical points of the case; and Markham, at first antagonistic, had found himself, almost against his will, becoming more and more sympathetic to this new point of view.

"Damn it, Vance!" he said. "I'm not in the least convinced by your theatrical theory. And yet, I feel a curious undercurrent of plausibility in your analysis. . . I wonder—"

He turned sharply, and scrutinized the other steadfastly for a moment.

"Look here! Have you any one in mind as the protagonist of the drama you've outlined?"

"'Pon my word, I haven't the slightest notion as to who killed the lady," Vance assured him. "But if you are ever to find the murderer, you must look for a shrewd, superior man with nerves of iron, who was in imminent danger of being irremediably ruined by the girl—a man of inherent cruelty and vindictiveness; a supreme egoist; a fatalist more or less; and —I'm inclined to believe—something of a madman."

"Mad!"

"Oh, not a lunatic—just a mad man, a perfectly normal, logical, calculating madman—same as you and I and Van here. Only, our hobbies are harmless, d'ye' see. This chap's mania is outside your preposterously reversed law. That's why you're after him.

"If his aberration were stamp-collecting, or golf, you wouldn't give him a second thought. But his perfectly rational *penchant* for eliminating *declassees* ladies who bothered him fills you with horror: it's not *your* hobby. Consequently, you have a hot yearning to flay him alive."

"I'll admit," said Markham coolly, "that a homicidal mania is my idea of madness."

"But he didn't have a homicidal mania, Markham old thing. You miss all the fine distinctions in psychology. This man was annoyed by a certain person, and set to work, masterfully and reasonably, to do away with the source of his annoyance. And he did it with surpassin' cleverness.

"To be sure, his act was a bit grisly. But when, if ever, you get your hands on him, you'll be amazed to find how normal he is. And able too—oh, able no end."

Again Markham lapsed into a long thoughtful silence. At last he spoke.

"The only trouble with your ingenious deductions is that they don't accord with the known circumstances of the case. And facts, which appear to you antagonistic to my deductions.

"Well, there are only four men of the type you describe who could have had any remote reason for murdering the Odell woman. Heath's scouts went into her history pretty thoroughly, and for over two years—that is, since her appearance in the 'Follies'—the only welcome ones at her apartment have been Mannix, Doctor Lindquist, Pop Cleaver, and, of course, Spotswoode. The Canary was a bit exclusive, it seems; and no other man got near enough to her even to be considered as a possible murderer."

"It appears, then, that you have a complete quartet to draw on." Vance's tone was apathetic. "What do you crave—a regiment?"

"No," answered Markham patiently. "I crave only one logical possibility. But Mannix was through with the girl over a year ago; Cleaver and Spotswoode both have water-tight alibis; and that leaves only Doctor Lindquist, whom I can't exactly picture as a strangler and burglar, despite his irascibility. Moreover, he, too, has an alibi; and it may be a genuine one."

Vance wagged his head.

"There's something positively pathetic about the childlike faith of the legal mind.

"It does cling to rationality at times, doesn't it?" observed Markham.

"My dear fellow" Vance rebuked him. "The presumption implied in that remark is most immodest. If you could distinguish between rationality and irrationality you wouldn't be a lawyer—you'd be a god. . . . No; you're going at this thing the wrong way. The real factors in the case are not what you call the known circumstances, but the unknown quantities—the human x's, so to speak—the personalities, or natures, of your quartet."

He lit a fresh cigarette, and lay back, closing his eyes.

"Tell me what you know of these four *cavalieri servanti*—you say Heath has turned in his report. Who were their mamas? What do they eat for breakfast? Are they susceptible to poison-ivy? . . . Let's have Spotswoode's *dossier* first. Do you know anything about him?"

"In a general way, returned Markham. "Old Puritan stock, I believe—governors, burgomasters, a few successful traders. All Yankee forebears: no intermixture. As a matter of fact, Spotswoode represents the oldest and hardiest of the New England aristocracy—although I imagine the so-called wine of the Puritans has become pretty well diluted by now. His affair with the Odell girl is hardly consonant with the older Puritans' mortification of the flesh."

"It's wholly consonant, though, with the psychological reactions which are apt to follow the inhibitions produced by such mortification," submitted Vance. "But what does he do? Whence cometh his lucre?"

"His father manufactured automobile accessories, made a fortune at it, and left the business to him. He tinkers at it, but not seriously, though I believe he has designed a few appurtenances."

"I do hope the hideous cut-glass olla for holding paper bouquets is not one of them. The man who invented that tonneau decoration is capable of any fiendish crime."

"It couldn't have been Spotswoode then," said Markham tolerantly, "for he certainly can't qualify as your potential strangler. We know the girl was alive after he left her, and that, during the time she was murdered, he was with Judge Redfern. . . . Even you, friend Vance, couldn't manipulate those facts to the gentleman's disadvantage."

"On that, at least, we agree," conceded Vance. "And that's all you know of the gentleman?"

"I think that's all, except that he married a well-to-do woman—a daughter of a Southern senator, I believe."

"Doesn't help any. . . . And now, let's have Mannix's history."

Markham referred to a typewritten sheet of paper.

"Both parents immigrants—came over in the steerage. Original name Maninikiewicz, or something like that. Born on the East Side; learned the fur business in his father's retail shop in Hester Street; worked for the Sanfrasco Cloak Company, and got to be factory foreman.

"Saved his money, and sweetened the pot by manipulating real estate; then went into the fur business for himself, and steadily worked up to his present opulent state. Public school, and night commercial college. Married in 1900 and divorced a year later. Lives a gay life—helps support the night clubs, but never gets drunk. I suppose he comes under the head of a spender and wine-opener. Has invested some money in musical comedies, and always has a stage beauty in tow. Runs to blondes."

"Not very revealin'," sighed Vance. "The city is full of Mannixes. . . . What did you garner in connexion with our medico?"

"The city has its quota of Doctor Lindquists, too, I fear. He was brought up in a small Middle-West bailiwick—French and Magyar extraction; took his M. D. from the Ohio State Medical, practiced in Chicago—some shady business there, but never convicted; came to Albany and got in on the X-ray-machine craze; invented a breast-pump and formed a stock company—made a small fortune out of it; went to Vienna for two years—"

"Ah, the Freudian motif!"

"—returned to New York, and opened a private sanitarium; charged outrageous prices, and thereby endeared himself to the new rich. Has been at the endearing process ever since. Was defendant in a breach-of-promise suit some years ago, but the case was settled out of court. He's not married."

"He wouldn't be," commented Vance. "Such gentry never are. . . . Interestin' summary, though—yes, decidedly interestin'. I'm tempted to develop a psychoneoursis and let Ambroise treat me. I do so want to know him better. And where—oh, where—was this egregious healer at the moment of our erring sister's demise? Ah, who can tell, my Markham: who knows—who knows?"

"In any event, I don't think he was murdering any one."

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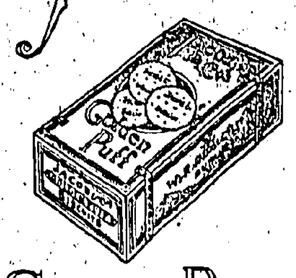

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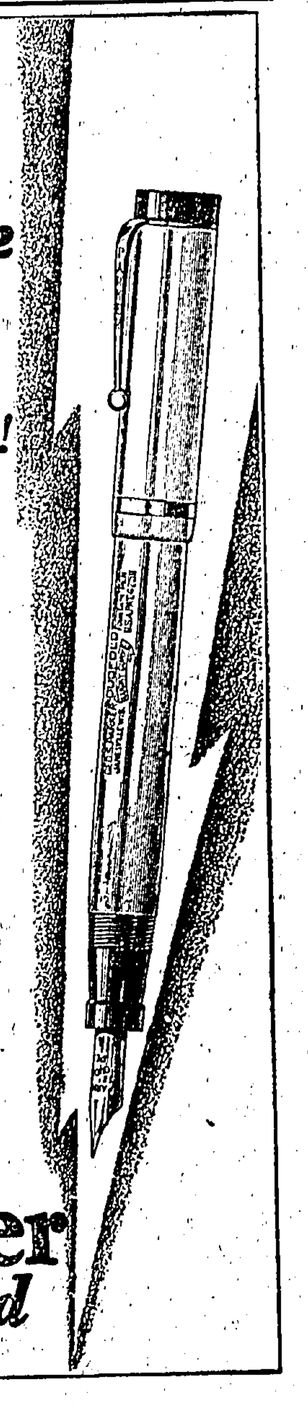

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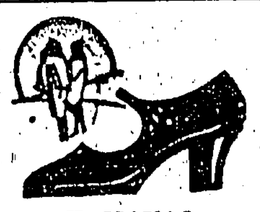

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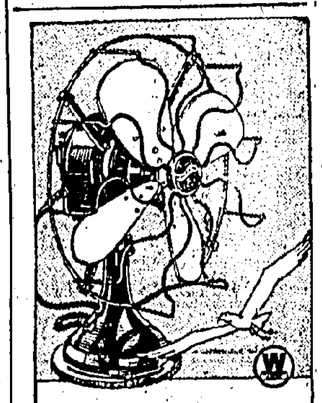

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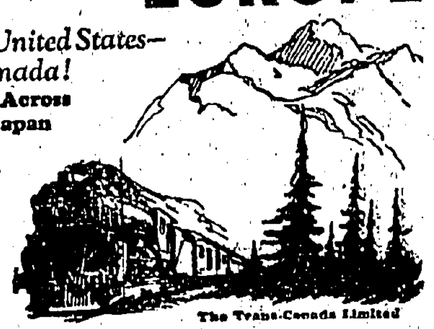

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INCOME TAX METHODS.

INLAND REVENUE AND "REFORMS.

"Archaic and wasteful" is the description of the present system of assessing and collecting income tax given by Sir Ernest Gowers, in the course of his evidence as witness for the Board of Inland Revenue before the Select Committee on Estimates.

Sir Ernest contended that not only did the present system involve a direct waste of money in salaries of £55,000 a year, but that, under a reformed organisation, there would be greater efficiency and such improvements of office organisation as would lead to a total saving of at least £100,000 a year.

The Committee, in their annual report, avoid reaching a final conclusion upon this evidence, and confine themselves to recommending that careful consideration should be given to the whole matter. The real work of the assessment and collection of income tax, which used to be done by local officials, is now done by the Inspector of Taxes, subject to the taxpayer's right of appeal to the General or Special Commissioners.

According to Sir Ernest Gowers, this duplication of functions not only means a waste of money, but also impedes the work of the Inspector of Taxes, who has to part with the books from time to time in order that the assessor and the clerk to the Commissioners may carry out the duties prescribed by law. The assessor, in his opinion, performs no useful function which could not be better carried out by the Inspector.

Free Hand in Contracts.

The Committee have also two important comments to make upon the Post Office estimates. They are of the opinion that the Post Office should have a free hand to accept tenders from abroad in cases where it is unable to obtain satisfactory evidence that the prices quoted by British manufacturers are not excessive.

This statement arises from the fact discovered in evidence, that, with the exception of two firms, the manufacture of cables is in the hands of a cable "ring," the Telephone Cable Manufacturers' Association, from which the Post Office buys about 80 per cent. of its total requirements, which amount to £1,000,000 per annum.

The prices quoted to the Post Office by the Association are bigger than those quoted by the Association to Colonial Governments and to the Irish State. It was also stated in evidence that the Association refuses to allow the Post Office to check their quotations by an examination of their costs, and that the cables could be obtained from foreign manufacturers at considerably lower prices than those paid to the Association by the Post Office.

The other comment concerns the Post Office life insurance business. The contracts entered into for life insurance in 1925 numbered 244, and in 1926, 238, representing assurances of £11,325, and £11,152 respectively. In 1926 the new insurance effected by the commercial companies amounted to £139,000,000.

The comparison given by those figures has formed the basis of the Committee's opinion that the life insurance business "results in a mere distraction of Post Office energies which might be better employed." They recommend that the Post Office life insurance business should be discontinued.

Empire Marketing.

The estimate of the Empire Marketing Board is subjected to criticism on account of the sums granted in aid of research. The Committee consider that, in approving grants for such schemes as the "Geophysical Survey of Metalliferous Areas in Australia" and the "Great Barrier Reef Expedition," the Board is placing an unduly wide interpretation on the terms under which Parliament has voted money to the Empire Marketing Fund.

The evidence on the Empire Marketing Board's activities show that among the wealthier purchasers there is a considerable increase in the demand for Empire goods, but that the campaign has not yet made substantial progress among purchasers with smaller means.

The Committee think that the money spent on the poster campaign should, therefore, be reduced, but that some expenditure might with advantage be allocated instead to exhibiting Empire products by means of road caravans and cinema vans.

The Committee point out that salaries and wages of the staff of the Empire Marketing Board represents 8 per cent. of the expenditure, a proportion which they consider excessive. They recommend that the expenditure on salaries, wages, and travelling should be investigated with a view to substantial reduction.

Betting Tax Evasion.

The fact that there is considerable evasion in the payment of betting tax is revealed by Sir Francis Floud, who gave evidence on the estimate of the Customs and Excise Department.

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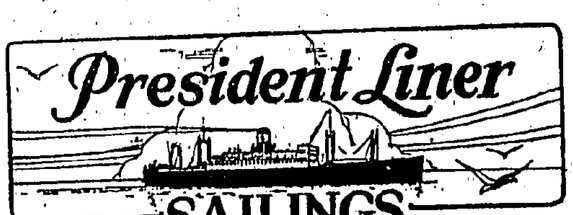

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HYDE PARK CASE.

MR. MEAD'S SUGGESTION OF MORE SERIOUS CHARGE.

Alfred Poole, aged 59, known as Fred Hall, described as a clerk, of Cedar-road, Cricklewood, and Nellie Teagle, aged 30, a servant, of Walmer-road, Kensington, W., were charged at Marlborough-street recently with behaving in a manner reasonably likely to offend against public decency in Hyde Park. They pleaded not guilty.

The alleged offence was stated to have occurred at 4 p.m., and Police Constable Watts, who was called by a chair attendant, stated that Teagle said: "I am not Miss Savidge."

The chair attendant, and the wife of a railway porter, gave evidence for the prosecution.

Mr. Mead said that if what had been said was true a £5 fine did not seem to be adequate. It was about the most outrageous case that one could think of. Judging by the frequency of the cases which were brought to that court, offences which occurred not only at night but in broad daylight, it seemed to him there must be some more strenuous means taken to stop them.

He remanded the case for the police to consider whether they should bring a charge of indecency under the common law. That would require that the prisoners should be committed for trial, and if convicted, they could be sent to prison for a long time.

Bail was allowed.

CANTON-HONGKONG.

A TELEPHONE SERVICE IS NOW PLANNED.

The project to connect Canton and Hongkong with telephone service has long been the intention of Canton Municipality for increasing the efficiency of business transaction as well as for other conveniences between these two important ports. Seeing the importance of carrying out the project Mr. Lam Wan-kai, the Mayor of Canton Municipality proposed at the 161st meeting of the Municipal Council that the plan for installing telephone lines between Canton and Hongkong be carried out as soon as possible. His proposal was passed and has now been referred to the Provincial Government for approval. It is understood that the automatic telephone which is now being installed can be directly connected to the long distance lines on its completion.

The plans for the long distance phone line calls for the laying of a submarine cable to Hongkong. It is considered that an underwater line possesses great advantages over a land line both as regards upkeep cost and freedom from interruption.

Automatic Phone.

Tenders for the laying of the underground cables and conductors for the new Automatic Telephone System at Canton were recently called for by the Bureau of Public Works. The successful tenderers is the Chap Yik Company. The contract for this work has been signed, one of the conditions being that the whole of the work is to be completed in six months' time.

The underground cables will be laid along the principal maloos such as Fung Ning, Tai Ping, Tai Hong, Yat Tik, Wing Hon, Chang Lan, etc., and at regular intervals inspection chambers will be constructed so that the cables can be examined.

tomatic phone exchange has been selected by the Bureau of Public Utilities. The site chosen is at Fung Wong Kong. A plan of the proposed station has been submitted to the Bureau for its approval.

JAPANESE TROOPS.

WITHDRAWAL OF BRIGADE FROM MANCHURIA.

Tokyo, Aug. 29.

It is understood that the Emperor's sanction will be sought tomorrow for the withdrawal of the brigade which was sent to Manchuria from Korea in May.—*Reuter.*

IMMIGRATION.

STEAMSHIP CLAIM FOR LOSSES.

New York, Aug. 29.

Eleven steamship companies, including the Cunard, are suing the United States Government for £30,000 to cover losses sustained through the alleged improper rejection of immigrants.—*Reuter's American Service.*

PIRACY RECALLED.

CAPT. SPARKE AND MR. M. F. HOUGHTON HONOURED.

The heroism displayed by Captain W. H. Sparke and Chief Engineer M. F. Houghton, both of the west river steamer San Nam Hoi, when their ship was attacked by pirates on January 17, was re-called by His Excellency, the Officer Administering the Government, the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southorn, C.M.G., at Government House yesterday afternoon, when he presented the officers with tangible expressions of appreciation on behalf of the Hongkong Government.

It will be remembered that the Chief Officer, Mr. Harry Conway, was killed during this attack as were two Indian guards, while two other guards were wounded. With commendable courage Captain Sparke and Mr. Houghton, at the risk of their lives, counter-attacked the pirates with revolvers and after a battle lasting some 20 minutes the pirates were driven off. Of these men 15 were arrested and a number subsequently paid the extreme penalty after trial at the Hongkong Criminal Sessions.

The skipper was the recipient of a silver tea set, with a blackwood tray, inlaid and mounted with silver, while Mr. Houghton received a beautiful gold watch. The tray and the watch were inscribed, recording the circumstances under which the presentations were made.

In making the presentations His Excellency said:

"Very Gallant Gentlemen."

Ladies and Gentlemen.—I have taken the opportunity of to-day's gathering and of the presence in Hongkong of two very gallant gentlemen to perform in your presence a very pleasant duty.

You may remember that on the morning of the 17th January last the steamship San Nam Hoi was attacked by pirates, travelling as passengers, near Kong Moon on the West River. The attack was made with the suddenness usual in such cases, and before any effective resistance was possible the pirates had shot and killed the Chief Officer, Mr. Harry Conway, and two Indian Guards, Sakun Dar and Maitara Khan, and had wounded two other Indian Guards. But the pirates met with unexpected resistance from Captain William Hugh Sparke and Mr. Marcellus Francis Houghton, the Master and Chief Engineer respectively of the San Nam Hoi.

Armed with their revolvers, Captain Sparke and Mr. Houghton, at imminent risk to their lives, made a determined counter-attack on the pirates, who numbered some 25 in all. The pirates maintained the contest for about 20 minutes and then, after an ineffectual attempt to set fire to the ship, seem to have thought discretion the better part of valour and jumped overboard in the hopes of making good their escape. The local authorities, however, were by this time on the alert, and with praiseworthy vigour arrested 15 of the pirates, six or seven having already been accounted for by rifle and revolver fire. Of the 15 arrested, 13 are understood to have been subsequently executed.

The prompt action of Captain Sparke and Mr. Houghton thus saved the ship and its crew and cargo from destruction and enabled a gang of dangerous pirates to be effectively disposed of.

Government's Regret.

The Government desires to give public expression to its regret at the death of the Chief Officer and the two Indian guards and its sympathy with their relatives. It has arranged to erect, at public expense, a memorial stone at Mr. Conway's grave and to supplement the provision made by the owners of the vessel for the dependents of Guards Sakun Dar and Muitara Khan.

The Government further desires to mark its appreciation of the gallant conduct of the Master and Chief Engineer by presenting this silver tea service to Captain Sparke and this gold watch to Mr. Houghton, with every good wish for their future prosperity and in the hope that their conduct may be an example and an inspiration to all ships' officers who sail in these dangerous waters.

The gallant officers were afterwards congratulated by Mrs. W. T. Southorn.

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CHUENWAN FIRE.

CHINESE SHOP COMPLETELY BURNED OUT.

Considerable alarm was caused by a fire, which occurred at a Chinese shop at No. 22, Main Street, Chuenwan, New Territories, at midnight on Tuesday. The first alarm was raised by the accountant of the shop, when smoke and flames were seen pouring from the store room, at the rear of the house.

Despite the co-operation of the folks and neighbours, the work of checking the fire was hindered by the lack of water. Later, engines from Mongkok Fire Station responded and extinguished the flames at 1.30, just in time to prevent the fire spreading to the shop next door. The house was badly damaged, the loss being estimated at about $300.

CHINA'S SINCERITY.

JAPAN'S ATTITUDE ON TREATY REVISION.

Tokyo, Aug. 29.

As the result of the Cabinet's discussion of the Nationalists' second note, it is understood the Government has decided to accept the Chinese demand for opening the question of treaty revision after assuring itself that China is really sincere, but as there is still some doubt with regard to China's sincerity, the Government will not issue a reply for the time being as it does not desire to prolong a legal controversy on the interpretation of Article 26 of the Treaty.—*Reuter.*

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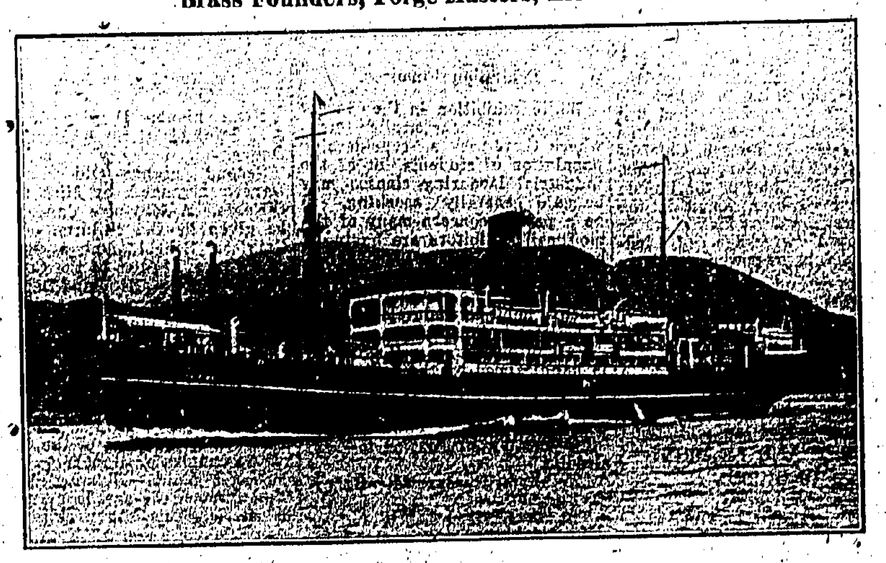

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WONDERFUL RUGBY WIRELESS.

INSPECTED BY PRINCE OF WALES.

GOES 800 FEET UP.

London, Aug. 29.

The Prince of Wales to-day visited the Government Super-power Wireless Station at Rugby, which is capable of communicating with any part of the globe and which serves, *inter alia* for the worldwide broadcasting of British official news service and the telephonic service to America.

His Royal Highness arrived at the station unexpectedly, accompanied by his brother, the Duke of Gloucester. The Princes made inspections of all departments, showing keen interest in the apparatus and in the transmission of messages.

The Prince of Wales then expressed a desire to ascend one of the masts, which are over 800 feet high, being the tallest in the world. While his brother left to pay a private visit to a friend in the neighbourhood the Prince of Wales was taken up the mast in an electric lift and on the platform on top remained a considerable time enjoying the excellent view.

A strong wind was blowing and the mast, which is designed to withstand a wind pressure of 140 miles per hour, nevertheless swayed appreciably. When he reached the ground again, the Prince expressed delight with his experience.

He said it was a wonderful station and that it was marvellous that telephonic communication could be established so easily between this point in the heart of England and America.—*British Wireless.*

AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE BY AIR.

BASE LIKELY TO BE BUILT AT DARWIN.

Darwin, Aug. 29.

Sir John Salmond, who is making a flight round Australia in the course of his duties as Adviser to the Australian Government on the reorganisation of the Air Force, delivered a speech at a reception given on his arrival here, and said that it was quite possible that the construction of the Singapore Naval Base would throw a considerable responsibility on Darwin and that it was quite possible that an Air Force base would be created there.—*Reuter.*

INDIAN ALL-PARTY CONFERENCE.

UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOUR OF DOMINION STATUS.

Lucknow, Aug. 29.

The All Parties Conference has unanimously passed a resolution demanding a form of government of responsible and popularly-elected legislative bodies and a system not lower than a Dominion status.

Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru, ex-Law Member of the Government of India, declared that there was no difference between a Dominion status and responsible government.—*Reuter.*

AIR TRAGEDY IN AMERICA.

TWO WELL-KNOWN AIRMEN KILLED.

New York, Aug. 9.

After a search throughout the whole of the State, in which the dirigible "Los Angeles" had just been ordered to participate, the bodies of Mr. M. Merrill, Chief of the Curtiss Flying Service, and Mr. Edwin Ronde, Chief of the Buffalo Airport, have been found in the wilderness near Port Jervis, beside the charred wreckage of Lindbergh's 600 horse-power machine.

Lindbergh had not accompanied them.—*Reuter's American Service.*

FRENCH AIRMEN GETS U.S. MEDAL.

COSTES AND LE BRIX HONOURED.

Paris, Aug. 29.

The American Ambassador has presented Costes with the American Distinguished Flying Cross for his world flight, and a similar cross will be presented to Le Brix (Costes' companion) when he returns to Paris.—*Reuter.*

The Bulgarian Parliament is adjourned until September 4.

EFFECT OF FILMS IN INDIA.

WESTERN PLAYS GOOD, NOT BAD.

INDIAN CINEMA COMMITTEE REPORT.

A COMPLEX PROBLEM.

That the general effect of Western films in India is not evil, but, on the whole good, is one of the opinions expressed in the report of the Indian Cinema Committee, which has just been published.

The report of the Committee (which was appointed by the Government) deals with both the moral and artistic aspects of the films and the economic conditions of the film and cinema business.

Local conditions being what they are it is found impossible to dispense with censorship. The film problem is said to be complex because so many films portray an alien civilisation. If these films are dangerous the remedy is to have Indian films.

Indian productions must be improved by the participation of cultured people. At present actresses are regarded as "not quite nice" and capitalists are shy of the stigma of the studio.

Government financial assistance is advised but with this there is a disagreeing minute. The creation of a department to deal with the trade is recommended. No action is advised in connexion with the alleged Madan monopoly.

The Recommendations.

The following is a summary of recommendations:

As far as India is concerned, public opinion is not sufficiently organised or articulate to make it possible to dispense with censorship.

It is not considered that it is either practicable or justifiable to make one man or one body of men the arbiter of artistic taste for a whole population.

In India the cinema problem is one of peculiar complexity owing mainly to the fact that the majority of the films exhibited are produced in the West and portray an entirely alien civilisation.

The general effect of the Western films in India is not evil, but, on the whole is good.

The Western films, in spite of their defects, have an educational value for the people of India. They tend to open the eyes of the uneducated to other and more advanced conditions of life and to give them some idea, however imperfect, of conditions in other countries; they tend to broaden their minds and widen their outlook.

Indian Films Wanted.

If the exhibition of Western films is doing any mischief in this country the best remedy would seem to be to encourage Indian films to take their place. Moreover the encouragement of a national industry of this descriptions is clearly advisable *per se* for reasons which are too obvious to require elaboration.

The Chairman in his opening speech at the first meeting of the Committee stressed the point that the interests of India would be considered first, and the Committee have unanimously adhered to that view throughout.

The industry is as yet entirely in Indian hands: non-Indian interests, though certainly watchful, have not yet established any control over it. It is well that the danger should be recognised and guarded against before it is too late.

Exhibition Finances.

While exhibition in the larger towns and in those smaller towns where there is a considerable population of students or of the industrial labouring classes may be said generally speaking, to be a paying concern many of the moffussil exhibitors are having a hard fight for existence.

This is partly due to economic causes, partly to the fact that the cinema habit is undeveloped, and sometimes to inexperience.

Very often the mofussil exhibitor is handicapped by the heavy rent which he has to pay for his hall.

With two exceptions there is a notable absence of circuits and exhibitors do not combine to form circuits.

Exhibitors are insufficiently organised.

The Entertainment Tax (where it exists) is a handicap to the exhibitor when it is imposed on the cheaper seats.

The Travelling Cinemas are generally poor and struggling concerns.

It is likely that the Travelling Cinema system will develop.

They are definitely handicapped by the amount which they have to pay in licence fees.

HALDANE'S GIFT TO GERMANY.

£1,000 FOR GOETTINGEN UNIVERSITY.

BRITISH BEQUESTS.

London, Aug. 29.

The will of the late Lord Haldane is notable for a bequest of £1,000 to Goettingen University.

Lord Haldane studied philosophy at Goettingen University and later in life, at a gathering in England, he referred to the spiritual influence which a certain great man at that University had had upon him. This remark appears to have been misinterpreted, Lord Haldane being reported as having spoken of Germany as "his spiritual home," and, as is well-known, he suffered much unpopularity during the late war in consequence.

Lord Haldane makes bequests also to Edinburgh University, Bristol University and other educational institutions in this country.—*British Wireless.*

CLAIM AGAINST DOLLAR CO.

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exempt from liability in respect of the sale by the Costa Rica Government.

Speaking further with regard to the claim, Mr. Watson said they alleged that the goods were converted by the defendants, their servants or agents, meaning that the people to whom they were delivered were servants or agents of the defendants, and not of the plaintiff. It was further alleged that the defendants failed to take sufficient or reasonable steps to protect the goods by reason of which the plaintiff had been deprived of them.

"Nothing Done."

Mr. Watson commented that the least the defendants could have done, on finding there was no consignee, was to have referred the matter to the plaintiff, when everything would have been all right. "Nothing was done. Absolutely nothing. The goods were in the godown for months and eventually sold."

In the statement of defence, said Mr. Watson, they denied that they sold the goods or that there was any duty on them to take any steps to protect the goods.

Mr. Watson went on to refer to correspondence and quoted part of a letter written by the defendants which said:—"I suppose it is our fault these are lost, as we should have asked the consignor." That cut away the defence of relying on the bill of lading, and they consequently altered their defence, arguing to the effect that the bill of lading was understood by both parties in different senses.

"Guess-Work."

Mr. Watson remarked that the plaintiff had never heard of any other Punta Arenas than the place in Chile, and when the goods were dispatched it was similar to his Lordship sending something to London. The Dollar Line, however, knew that there were two such places, but they did not ask the plaintiff to which place the goods were to be sent. He could only describe it as "guess-work."

Mr. Watson stated that the defendants had been negligent all the way through and quoted a letter which stated:—"We are not going to tell you anything more."

The case is proceeding.

GRAND TATTOO DETAILS.

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First night:—Display by the 3/15 Punjabis of the Khattak War Dance.

Second night:—Old English Dances arranged by Miss Daisy O'Keefe. A May-pole dance will be given by the children of the Garrison School, and a Morris dance by the ladies of the Colony.

Third night:—Highland Dancing display by the members of the Reel Club, the music to be provided by the pipe band of the K.O.S.B.

Gala Displays.

At 10.5 nightly there will be gala displays. These will be:

First night:—Chinese display, arranged by members of the Chinese community of Hongkong.

Second night:—Illuminated decorated motor car parade, arranged by the Hongkong Automobile Association. The massed bands will provide incidental music.

Third night:—Portuguese Pageant, arranged by the Portuguese community under the patronage of H.E. the Governor of Macao. At 12.20 Japanese fireworks display, arranged by the Japanese residents of the Colony.

The Tattoo is timed to end at 10.30 p.m. on the first two nights and at 10.40 p.m. on the third.

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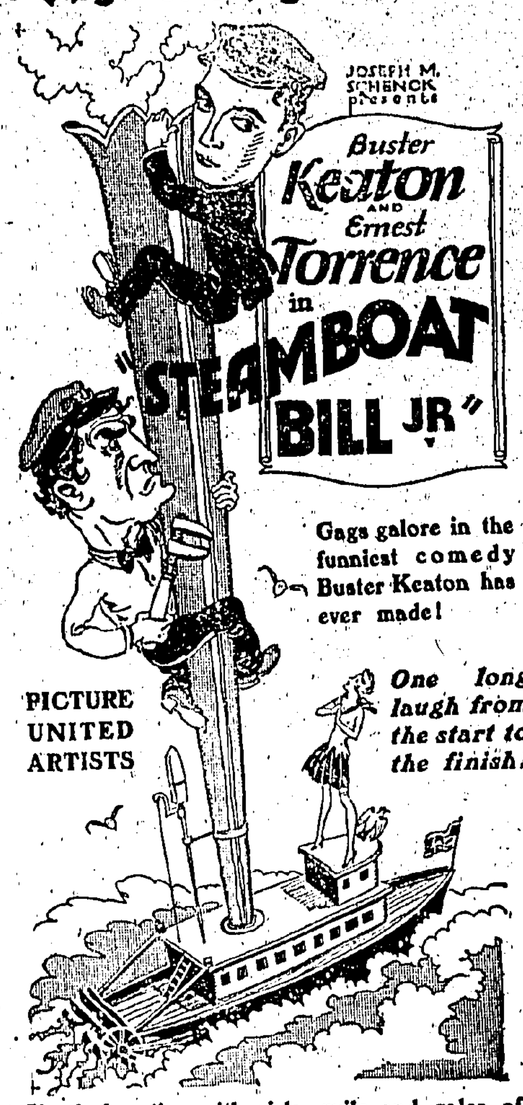

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